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Libel threat in offshore trusts row

# Blair backs 'high calibre' Robinson

BY PHILLIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR gave strong personal backing to Geoffrey Robinson, the multimillionaire Paymaster General, last night in an attempt to end embarrassment over the minister's offshore financial

As Mr Robinson threatened to sue two Sunday newspapers which made allegations about his financial affairs, the Prime Minister made clear that he was the kind of "high calibre business person" that he wanted in his Government. He called for an end to the "carping" about him and insisted that the minister had done nothing wrong.

Mr Robinson's solicitors

wrote to both The Sunday Times and The Observer yesterday, threatening action action if they persisted in publishing "ill-informed and defamatory statements concerning our client".

The letter to The Sunday complains about a "most serious libel" over suggestions that Mr Robinson used a Bermuda trust as a tax benefit.

It said that Mr Robinson had "never had any money, shares or any assets on trust or otherwise held in Bermuda". It added: "Neither Mr Robinson, nor his wife nor children are or have ever been beneficiaries of any trust in Bermuda or in any way connected with such a trust."

The second letter denied that Mr Robinson had influenced decisions made by the Orion Trust, the offshore trust registered in Guernsey and created by a family friend.

The letter stated that Mr Robinson did not own and had never owned nearly £3 million of shares in TransTec — a firm he founded - which had been

sold to Orion. Mr Blair's statement of support for Mr Robinson sur-prised some Labour MPs who while accepting that Mr wrong - believe that the public regard offshore trusts as a means of avoiding tax.



Robinson: sent solicitors' letters to two editors

Gordon Brown, who as Chancellor is Mr Robinson's boss, has made tackling tax loopholes a priority. One MP had urged Mr

Robinson to resign because he was landing Labour in a major scandal. Paul Flynn said: "He's done nothing that is illegal and he probably has not broken any rules of the House. But I believe what he has done does justify his resignation until the whole matter has been sorted out."

The Tories have continued to accuse Mr Robinson of ment last week that the Government was imposing a £50.000 limit on tax-free

Writing in The Times today Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, says that Mr Blair was supporting Mr Robinson's right to tax reliefs in offshore havens, something



"Don't tell anybody it's my offshore account"

Mr Brown said Labour would not countenance. Mr Robinson's position may be "unassailable" because of Mr Blair's support but it remains hypo-

critical, Mr Lilley writes.
Mr Blair told Channel 4 News that it was not "remotely clear" that Mr Robinson had avoided tax in Britain. "The question is whether thre things were ever, as it were, in this country and taken outside this country. That is not, in fact the case.

"Geoffrey Robinson is a highly successful businessman and extremely good min-ister and he is working for the Government without a ministerial salary. If people of high calibre are to come into the Government and work as former business people they bring an enormous amount to the way that Government is

There were, he added, two sorts of people in life: those who carped and were cynical about everything and those who tried to make a contribution. "If things are wrong, let us say they are wrong. Let us not have a whole lot of innuendo to say they are

Downing Street officials said that Mr Robinson had Mr Blair's full confidence. The Prime Minister thinks it is the right thing to have Geoffrey Robinson in the Govemment in that he complied with all he had to comply with when he became a minsiter."

But the Liberal Democrat treasury spokesman Malcolm Bruce insisted that the Chancellor still needed to act to close the offshore tax loophole. This should be done immediately," he said. "Geoffrey Robinson has broken no laws but there is a risk that his use of an overseas trust will be seen to be at variance with the stated tax policy of the Chancellor and the Treasury, where he is after all a senior minister.

The Chancellor should ensure that UK beneficiaries of overseas trusts established by overseas residents are liable for full UK tax."

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Radio 4's Thought For the
Day a year ago, said Lara, a
pupil at St Paul's Girls' school



Shaun and Anne Atkins at their home yesterday. They said their daughter was intelligent and bouncy but not streetwise

# Agony aunt's daughter found

THE newspaper agony aunt Anne Atkins spoke yesterday of her anguish after her 12year-old daughter went missing from home for more than 24 hours.

Mrs Atkins's daughter, Lara, had disappeared after setting off for a walk on Sunday morning. She returned to her home in Fulham, southwest London, last night after a friend saw her walking round Hammersmith and called the police. Mrs Atkins, the wife of a

Church of England vicar, had earlier said that she hoped her daughter, who is known by her family nickname "Bink" was having a "big adventure". Mrs Atkins, who has advised The Daily Telegraph readers on their personal problems since her attack on the Church of England's toler ance on homosexuals on

his public image. "I couldn't

give a monkey's what people think about me," he said. "I

want to achieve on a tennis

court. If people were against me and didn't like me but I

was winning major champi-onships. I'd take that any day

Cynics reckoned Henman's

cosy relationship with Lucy

Heald, a sports television pro-

ducer and his girlfriend for the

past year, may have dulled his

competitive itch over the past

Whatever the case, Henman

is now more determined than

ever to succeed on court after

the rise of his fellow Briton,

Greg Rusedski, who now sits

at No 6 in the world rankings

compared to Henman's place

"You're not going to see me swearing or breaking rackets during matches," says Henman but to go to the very, very top I have to be

more consistent and if I can be

more aggressive that will

As he left the tennis centre

he said: I want to be British

No I again badly and I believe I will be in 1998. Ballgirls

of the week."

bouncy, but not streetwise.

We are hoping she is somewhere having a big adventure." Mrs Atkins said. "She tends to live out what she reads in books and we're hoping she has gone off voluntarily.'

Lara, who keeps a diary written in English and Latin, wrote an entry for Saturday which said: "I depart." She



Lara: Saturday diary entry said: "I depart"

reminding herself to set her alarm clock for 5.45am on Sunday. When her family searched her room with police: officers they found her Post Office savings book was missing but she had taken no cash or change of clothes.

Mrs Atkins had been concerned about how her daughter might cope with strangers. She said: "She is a very attractive girl. She has had problems more than once with people following her; Things like boys cornering her. She is no good at chasing off strangers. She is quite innocent. She's a normal 12-

year-old — a little girl."

Mrs Atkins and her husband Shaun, vicar of St Dionis Church, Fulham, have three other children Serena. 14. Alexander, 11. and Ben. 9. They last saw Lara on Saturday night and were alerted to her absence by Ben on Sunday morning. "It was about ten to eight on Sunday morning when our nine-year-old came

he was lonely because Bink wasn't in the children's bedroom." Mrs Atkins said. There was a note saying that she had gone for a walk and would be back soon and not to worry. She wasn't back in time to go to church which was unusual and we called the police at hunchtime." -

Mrs Atkins added that fareily's faith helped them to cope: We've got a lot of people praying for her. It makes a lot of difference being Christian."

#### **Ministers** warned of four-year spending squeeze

By Jul Sherman CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have been warned that the current spending clampdown which has been imposed on Whitehall departments for two years could last till the end of this Parliament.

Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has written a letter to all Cabinet ministers telling them to plan to stay within existing budgets for the next four years.

Mr Darling has made clear that if any extra money is available it would go on health and education but other departments could find their budgets cut. He told departments that they cannot ease up in their search for savings once the spending review is completed next summer.

The harsh line came as Tony Blair warned Labour rebels that the Government would not bow to their demands to restore cuts in lone parent benefits. The Government is now facing a significant rebellion tomorrow when its plans to cut lone parent benefit by £6 a week are put to a vote in the Commons.

Party officials expect be-tween eight to ten backbenchers to vote against the Government and several others to abstain, possibly as many as 25.

The row overshadowed the rday of Mr Blair's poverty task force, the Social Exclusion Unit, which will coordinate Whitehall action to tackle truancy; homelessness and poor housing.

Launching the unit, Mr Blair said: "We are not going to tolerate a group of citizens being cut off from society's mainstream."

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#### City jobs lost

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# McEnroe serves some nasty advice to Henman

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

MR NICE GUY has no place at Wimbledon. Tim Herman, Britain's No 2 tennis player and No 1 mother-in-law-'s dream, has been taking tips from John McEnroe, tennis's most succesful snarler, and has concluded that to win, he

needs to be meaner. Henman. 23, had a long talk and 30-minute practice session with McEnroe at the Seniors Event at the Albert Hall last weekend at which McEnroe overcame his old adversary Bjorn Borg.

"I am very competitive but sometimes my demeanour is maybe too calm on court." Henman said yesterday at the Midland Bank Schools Tennis finals in Telford. "I can show more emotion

and McEnroe implied that if I let my inner feelings out a bit more it could help me. Any time you get advice from someone who has achieved what he has you should

On the way to his three Wimbledon titles, McEnroe swore, hurled his racquet in anger, and abused referees. The sound of his shouting "You cannot be serious!" in his

thick New York twang still

reverbérates round Centre Henman's sudden decision to turn tough is not, however, so out of character. Three years ago he was disqualified from Wimbledon for accidentally smashing a ball at a

His celebrations of victory are greeted not with naked delirium but with a clenched fist and a frosty look of well-But McEnroe's "get tough" advice has persuaded Hen-

man to go even further and dispense with any concern for



Henman: "Sometimes I am too calm on court"

### **Evans beats Capital** to Virgin Radio

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

come as a huge blow to Capital Radio which had hoped to bring Virgin within

its group.

Capital was given the surprise news in a letter from Mr Branson, who apparently ex-pressed concern that the reference of the Capital-Virgin Radio merger to the Monopo-lies and Mergers Commission could cause unnecessary delay to any deal and might even lead to its being blocked by the Government. .

Mr Branson, who is in Marrakesh to try again so circumnavigate the world by halloon, said last night. The maverick in me prefers the idea of Chris Evans to Capital Radio. The station will be in good hands.

The merger will turn the colourful and controversial

Evans, who a presents the breakfast programme on Virgin; into a media tycoon in his own right. Earlier this year he left BBC Radio 1's breakfastprogramme in a blaze of publicity because he was no longer prepared to work on

CHRIS EVANS, the radio and television presenter, last night took over Virgin Radio from Richard Branson.

The £80 million deal will be created which will be the holding company for both Ginger Productions, the Chris Evans production vehicle for radio and television, and Virgin, one of the three national commercial stations, which also holds an FM licence for the London area.

Chris Evans will own 50 per cent of the new company, Virgin will own 20 per cent, the management will hold 10 per cent and Apax, the venture capital group, will own the remaining 20 per cent. Most of the loan finance involved in the deal is being provided by Paribas, the French merchant bank.

For Mr Branson and Virgin the Evans deal will mean an greater involvement in television plus the funds to develop digital radio in the UK. A deal between Capital and Mr Branson seemed virtually done earlier this year in which

Virgin would roll its radio licences into Capital and take a stake of around 10 per cent in the enlarged group.

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# Few questions, fewer answers ... who cares?

n an unspectacular way, the House of Commons hit a new low yesterday afternoon. Little that mattered was even raised. Nothing that was raised was answered.

Ministers came to the House at a time when the future of the Royal Opera, and the select committee's coruscating report, were in the

So was the Lord Chancellor, quoted last week as comparing himself with Cardinal Wolsey and confessing that press free-dom may be threatened by the European Court. So. also. were rumours about offshore financial arrangements from which a Treasury minister, Geoffrey Robinson, was said to benefit, Luckily, the first

Questions session yesterday was with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Chris Smith answers on opera and the press and could presumably do so.

Then the minister answering for the Lord Chancellor's Department was to field Questions. Geoff Hoon could talk about press freedom too, and Cardinal Wolsey. Lucky, too, that the long, following debate on the Welsh Devolution Bill was not squeezed by any other business - so plenty of time for a statement from Geoffrey Robinson about his financial

You will scarcely believe me when I report that nobody asked Mr Smith about opera: nobody asked Smith or Hoon



about oress freedom; and nobody asked Hoon about the ambitions of Lord Irvine, Mr Robinson did, however, make a statement. Well ... he issued a statement. Through the Treasury press department.

No questions, please.
But accountability is not dead. The Minister Without Portfolio visited the Commons to answer questions about his

He was there for four and a half minutes. He avoided every inquiry. Questions to the Culture Secretary were a pa-

thetic affair. Liberal Democrat numbers varied between two and four, their one question (friendly, from Southport's Ronnie Fearn)

The Tories launched an attack with some spirit. Chris Smith stonewalled, junior minister Tony Banks joked, and Tom Clarke flannelled. Nobody cared. Journalists hardly bothered to write it down. There being no Questions down about opera, none were asked. Neither John

ending "I'm sure you have an

Major nor Gerald Kaufman So the Opposition, tried at-

tacking on the National Lot-Smith's predecessor, Virginia Bottomley (now an assiduous and surprisingly fierce backbencher), asked why Labour were funding government expenditure from lottery proceeds. They had promised not to. Smith replied that his priorities "have the backing of the people". Smith's Tory Shadow, Fran-

cis Maude, quoted the Prime Minister as promising that the lottery would not fund things which are the Government's responsibility. Now the lottery was to fund childcare.

Smith replied that as the childcare proposals were to be a new responsibility, lottery money was not paying for, things which were the Government's responsibility, but for things which would be The Secretary of State's arguments and few bothered to write it

Then Peter Mandelson came in burbled platitudes and went away again. Finally the Lord Chancellor's Commons' lackey arrived and failed to answer questions about the Lord Chancellor.

All governments try to avoid questions. What is new is a creeping sense of disregard. It is not that the Opposition cannot land a punch. It is that nobody cares even when they

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Parents face fines for term-time holidays

Parents who take children on holiday in school term-time could find themselves in court facing fines of £1,000 in a clampdown on truancy, the Government said yesterday. Ministers said they wanted to "nip in the bud" the early signs that a child would turn into a truant, which included missing lessons as part of the family holiday.

Local authorities were especially urged to intervene in the case of parents of primary-school children who skipped lessons, to bring home to them the importance of regular school attendance. In a consultation document sent to all local authorities, governors and head teachers yesterday. ministers said schools with poor attendance levels should be targeted for mass prosecutions. "Whether to prosecute, and the precise point at which to initiate a prosecution, are matters for the judgment of individual local education authorities," said the document.

#### Bosnia force 'must stay'

Britain should keep a significant fighting force in Bosnia to prevent further killing, MPs said yesterday. The Commons Defence Committee also called on the international community to look at ways of arresting indicted war criminals. A committee report said the Government must retain a force of about 5,300 troops, the size of its present commitment to the Nato-led Stabilisation Force. Nato-led troops are due to be withdrawn next June.

#### McAleese ignores rules

Mary McAleese, the new Irish President, has broken Roman Catholic canon law by taking communion from a Protestant Church of Ireland minister during an ecumencial service at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. Mrs McAleese, a Catholic, was said to be fully aware of what she was doing. Sources in the Catholic Church expressed surprise.

#### 'New life' for NHS

Sweeping changes to the National Health Service will save £1 billion on unnecessary red tape within five years, Tony Blair will claim today. He will argue that today's White Paper, which proposes abolishing the internal market, and giving GPs the right to buy hospital, emergency and community services, will give the NHS "a new lease of life".

#### Pole skydiver relives fall

Michael Kearns, 39, a survivor of the fatal parachute jump over the South Pole, told investigators in Chile that all the equipment was working perfectly when three of his colleagues plunged more than 8000 ft to their deaths. They were Steve Mulholland, 36, from Seattle, Hans Rezac, 49, from Vienna, and an American who has not yet been named.

#### Hardliners oppose peace

Bernadette Sands McKevitt, 39, sister of the IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands, launched the 32-County Sovereignty Committee, a group formed at a Dublin hotel the previous night to oppose a peace process that could cement ireland's partition. The formation of republican hardliners will embarrass Gerry Adams on the eve of his Downing Street visit.

#### Provos 'seize' Teletubby

One of the Teletubbies has been transformed into "Laa Laa The Provo" for T-skirts being sold in west Belfast. The yellow figure's head has been superimposed onto a handdrawn figure in a combat suit with a machinegun. The £5 Tshirts are on sale in shops and advertised in An Phoblacht (Republican News). The BBC is considering legal action.

Government of Wales Bill but clauses dealing with

# Smith drops pledge to end museum charges

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

THE Government yesterday reversed its pre-election pledge to abolish admission charges for national museums and galleries. In a move that dismayed the arts world, Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, said that museums should be free to decide whether to impose charges.

David Barrie, director of the National Art Collections Fund, reacted furiously, accusing Mr Smith of backing away from Labour's long-standing commitment to free admission. "This is a bitter blow. For many people who had placed their hopes in the Labour Government it will be another disappointment." Mr Barrie said.

National galleries that allow free entry have already told the Government that, unless more money is found, they will have no option but to

charge the public. Mr Smith indicated the change in Labour policy as he published a government review of access to national museums and galleries. The Culture Secretary told the Commons that it was "up to individual institutions to make decisions about how best they see lit to carry forward the process of maximising access". He added: "The job of government is to try to make it as easy as possible for them to pursue their own course."

Conservative MPs rounded on Mr Smith for breaking an election pledge. Jack Cunningham, the then Labour heritage

spokesman, said last year that people should not be charged for visiting national museums and galleries. Mr Smith said yesterday that Labour had made clear before the general election that "we would like to see institutions do all they can to balance the books while maximising access". He insist-

ed: "That remains our policy." The Review of Access to National Museums and Galleries was published yesterday. Mr Smith said that charging could not be taken in isolation and that there were many other barriers to access, including the cost of travel and inflexible opening hours. Mr Smith announced a £5 million fund to improve access to museums and a consultation paper to develop a Code of Good Practice on access.

A Treasury squeeze on cash forced Labour to abandon its plans of helping Britain's leading national museum and galleries to scrap entry charges. It is understood that Mr Smith's department would have to increase its museums budget by 20 per cent in order

to go ahead with this. The climbdown is an embarrassment for Mark Fisher, the Arts Minister, who stated when he launched the charges review in June: "We do not want anybody to be charged entry to museums and galleries." Mr Fisher told a recent Museums and Galleries Commission conference that the issue was "more complicated".



The labours of Labour: Gordon Brown. Chancellor of the Exchequer, meets Pain, a character from the Disney film Hercules, at a Christmas party to benefit the charity Scope at No 11 Downing Street

# Prisons 'need bars behind bars'

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

the cuisine it offers inmates, the Prison Service was urged yesterday to widen the menu by providing alcohol for some

The Prison Service's health advisory committee also suggested that the service build bars with a pub-style atmosphere to help prisoners to develop the social skills needed to prevent them going on a "bender". The bars would sell only non-alcoholic drink but Dr John O'Grady, acting chairman of the committee. was confident it would help

report said the lack of an opportunity to drink alcohol in four problem when drunk jail was a disadvantage when devising treatment programmes. It said that without access to alcohol the success of treatment and education programmes could not be accurately assessed.

The report urged the Prison Service to experiment with "imaginative" schemes so that offenders' progress in learning how to control their drinking could be properly assessed. "Abstinence from alcohol-

AFTER winning accolades for immates to learn about dealing may have little appeal to the cuisine it offers inmates, with alcohol. The committee's flealthy young people or to offenders who have a behavrather than a dependence on alcohol," the report says. "Assisting offenders to manage their intake may therefore be a more profitable intervention which takes closer account of the reality of life outside

prison for young people." The report also recom-mends that the Prison Service set a timetable to make the whole of the penal system, including the 135 jails, alcohol free. Six months ago the staff

bar at headquarters in London was closed but the report found that during the last three years there had been no staff clubs selling alcohol. The Prison Officers' Associ-

ation said that the report was a complete waste of public money. A spokesman said: We do a lot of therapeutic work with sex offenders but no one is suggesting they can have sex for the six months before they leave prison." The Prison Service said that it would not be taking up the

committee's recommendation.

Robinson's lawyers launch fightback

### Welsh assembly plan

The Government's plans for a Welsh assembly will not be debated in detail in the Commons. Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said that a standing committee would study the procedures and the transfer of functions from Westminster would be considered in full in the Commons.

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#### SUNDAY TIMES

This is an edited version of the letter sent by Geoffrey Robinson's lawyers to The Sunday Times. We act for Geoffrey Robinson. We have been consulted in connection

with an article appearing on the front page of The Sunday Times of 7th December 1997.

The article was entitled 'Robin-

son's Bermuda Tax Haven'. It went on to describe, inaccurately, a transaction involving his shares in Latchuser Ltd and the Inter-Trust Company of We are instructed that the key

facts are these: 1: Mr Geoffrey Robinson has never had any money, shares or any assets in Trust or otherwise held in

2: Neither Mr Robinson, nor his wife nor children are or have ever been beneficiaries of any Trust in Bermuda or in any way connected with such a Trust. 3: Mr Robinson did sell shares in

Latchuser Limited but he sold them in the UK and was subject to taxes on them in the normal way.

There was no avoidance of UK tax.

4:Mr Robinson's statement of 29 November is wholly accurate. The details are as follows: 5: Mr Robinson agreed to sell his shares in Latchuser Ltd for a total

consideration of £262.523 to his prother Noel. Noel and his broth Peter Robinson wanted to consolidate the ownership of Latchuser Ltd, a UK registered property holding company, by buying out the minority shareholders. It was also Geoffrey Robinson's brothers who requested that Geoffre Robinson sell to the Internation Trust Company of Bermuda and Maxwell Quinn (a lawyer and Trustee) as Trustees for the Emily Jane Trust, the Watch Hill Trust and the Nu Start Trust. These trusts were set up by Noel Robin-son, Peter Robinson and Peter's daughter Emily. 6: Neither Mr Geoffrey Robinson,

nor his wife, nor his children, are or ever have been beneficiaries under these Trusts or in any other way connected with them. 7: Noel. Peter and Emily Robins were at the time of the sale by Mr Robinson (April 1991) and remain

non-resident for UK tax purposes. 8: On selling the shares, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson incurred a LIK capital gains tax liability which was dealt with in the normal way. There was no UK tax avoidancee

9: The announced changes (in 1991) trusts could not have had, and did not have, any consequence for Geoffrey Robinson's tax position in relation to this transaction. 10: Save for his interest as a discretionary beneficiary of the Orion Trust, Mr Robinson has no

interest in any overseas Trusts. The article constitutes a most serious libel of Mr Robinson, most particularly in the suggestion that he used a Bermuda Trust as a tax avoidance vehicle for his own

Our client requires you, therefore, to publish an apology, correcting these false and defamatory statements (as the Code requires you to do anyway) the terms of which should be agreed with us

Purther, apart from reserving all

of his rights and remedies in relation to the piece of 7 December, if you persist in publishing our client, he will knunch libel edings against you without

#### THE OBSERVER

These are extracts from the letter sent to *The Observer* by Mr Robinson's lawyers. We have been consulted by our client in connection with your piece

The article claimed that Orion Trust bought nearly £3 million of shares in TransTec after Mr Robinson became Paymaster General in May and asserted that Mr Robinson's statement of 29 November 1997, that he was linked to Orion only as a discretionary

beneficiary, was untrue.
Your article then proceeded: The Stenbell Accounts also reveal another type of tax efficient trust, the Geoffrey Robinson Per-sonal Settlement Tax experts say

shares in TransTec raises serious questions about the independence Orion's trustees ... and his ability to influence their decisions. In his statement a week ago, he indicated no mention of the £3 million post-election transaction." In fact, Mr Robinson's statement

was and remains entirely accurate. First, the Geoffrey Robinson per-sonal settlement is not "another type of tax efficient trust". It is the name of the UK blind trust created by Mr Robinson on his becoming a minister totally in line with ministerial procedures. Mr Robinson pays and on the income and gains of the trust in the normal way.

Second, you claim that Mr Robinson's statement was untrue because he was in some way involved in the transfer of

Your claim is unfounded. a) Mr Robinson did not own the shares; b) he has never owned them; c) he does not own them now; of he was not involved in the

The facts, as instructed, are these:

1: In early 1997 the Trustees of the Orion Trust were informed that 2.95 million TransTec shares that should have been settled in the Trust by the non-resident settler had not been so settled. Accordingly our client understands that a Deed of Addition was entered into on 30 April 1997 whereby the beneficial interest in those TransTec shares were transferred to the trustees of the Orion Trust. The form of transfers them did not take place until after May 1997 at which time the legal interest in the shares were transferred to the trustees 2: At no time were the shares so transferred owned by Mr Robinson, nor did he have anything

other than a contingent interest in them as a discretionary beneficiary in the Orion Trust.
3: The transfer of the Transfer shares to the trustees of Orion did not involve our client and were at the behest of the trustees and the non resident sentor.

4: Our client did not appoint the trustees of the Orion Trust who act independently of him and are not controlled, or their decisions influenced, by him in any way. You will gather therefore that the article constitutes a most serious libel of Mr Robinson.



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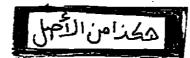
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takes to catch up, it won't cost profestion 50p. On these three days (as well as every Saturday and Sunday up to 31 Decembers: 1997), every LIK long distance call will be





# Father convicted of assaulting wayward son with belt

Ten-year-old child's record of anti-social behaviour suggested sheer wickedness, reports Joanna Bale

A FATHER who hit his badly-behaved ten-year-old son with a belt was sentenced to two months' imprisonment yesterday for assault, but was released immediately because he had spent more than a month in custody.

Judge Daniel Rodwell said that he was sympathetic towards the father, who cannot be named for legal reasons, because the boy's behaviour had become completely unacceptable and suggested "sheer wickedness".

least twice a month for theft, burglary and criminal damage. He had been suspended from school and and had become a

menace at a hospital close to his home. He had been found causing trouble at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital on 88 occasions, the judge said.

bility, the boy had been arrested at. outside the accident and emergency unit, making false 999 calls, interfering with machinery. throwing stones at visitors, threatening people with a piece of metal. roller skating on the wards, cycling inside the hospital, and shouting racial abuse. Police were

called on 21 occasions. At school he had been been "sheer wickedness".

The allegations included trying
Since he had reached the age of
ten, the age of criminal responsi
The allegations included trying
to enter the maternity ward,
setting fire to a rubbish bin

July 18, which had resulted in his

suspension. Judge Rodwell told the 40-year-old father: "I accept you have tried everything within human imagination to discipline him, short of attaching him to a hall and chain."

He said that that had included stopping the boy's pocket money, taking away computer games, taking away his bicycle, banning him from the town and stopping him from associating with certain friends. "However, on June 23 when he was brought home by police for bullying at school and messing about in the back of an ambulance, you hit him with an open hand, causing a black eye and his nose to bleed.

"Then you got a belt and belted him which caused some bruising. The normal reaction of right-minded people would be to say this was brutal and depraved behaviour which deserves a lengthy custodial sentence. But

the facts here are somewhat different. This child of yours has 20ne off the rails in circumstance which one has to say suggest sheer wickedness."

He jailed the father for two months, telling him the sentence meant his immedate release as he had served a similar amount of time remanded in custody. The man had admitted assault causing actual bodily harm. Bozzie Sheffi, for the prosecu-

admitted the slap in a police interview, but had denied actually using the belt, although he may have threatened the boy with it. Tyrone Smith, for the defence, said: "That day he had been disciplined verbally at school for assaulting another child and had

walked out. He was found at the

hospital sitting in the back of an

ambulance playing with radio equipment. He has a total disre-

gard for authority." He said the boy was now in care and was living with foster parents.

# Hanged boy 'had been bullied for drug money'

Jamie, who had won many

trophies for schoolboy soccer,

had told his parents little

about his problems at school. Mrs Evans said: "Jamie was

bottling it all up and it's only

now that we are finding out

what he was going through.

We knew he was having

problems but had no idea how

on Friday night with blood on

his face and his eyebrow shaved, he wouldn't tell us

how it happened. We tried to

get him to talk but he just

clammed up. He was very

quiet and went to bed early."

TORMENT IN THE PLAYGROUND

In September David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, an-

nounced a £23 million package to tackle bullying in schools. Among the worst recent cases at school and elsewhere are:

☐ Katherine Morrison, 16, killed herself after saying she

could no longer endure the torment from girls at the Nicholson Institute at Stornoway in the Western Isles.

☐ Gemma Titchener, 6. suffered a fractured skull and two

broken wrists at the hands of a seven-year-old at Falconbrooke junior and infants school, Battersea, London.

☐ Jamie Evans, 15, was stabbed in the back with a penknife by

a fellow pupil after a playground dispute at the Christ RC School in Preston, Lancashire, in September.

"Even when he came home

about the bullying.

A BOY aged 14 has been found hanged in his bedroom the day after coming home from school with blood on his face and one of his eyebrows

Jamie Evans was found dead on Saturday by his mother Janet who was told by school friends that he had been victimised for several months by a gang of larger boys. She says the bullies threatened her son and de-

manded money for drugs. Mrs Evans, 52, said yesterday: "He just couldn't take it anymore. He was being constantly harassed because he was sensitive and quiet. Jamie has been hounded and for a long time was too frightened to tell us anything.

But these bigger boys were waiting for him to take money from him to buy cannabis. These boys knew he was an

only child and that it would be Some of Jamie's friends have told his parents that a gang of older boys had been picking on him on his way home. Mr easy to get money from him." Mrs Evans, a retired shopkeeper and her husband Tony, 54, from Maesteg, Mid-Gla-Evans said: "It's only now we morgan, were yesterday tryrealise that our little boy was ing to establish the full facts going through hell. He was

> Police and school officials are investigating his death but believe the bullies were not pupils at his school.

terrified and this is a lesson for

David Painter, headteacher of the 1,200-pupil Maesteg Comprehensive School, said: "We are trying to get to grips with what has happened. The parents will be coming in to talk to us and we have got to find out what has happened. He was a normal lad. He was a small boy and it makes you think that other bigger boys may have targeted him.
"Jamie had just started his

GCSE courses and should have done well in his exams. Staff had noticed a major change in him in the last few months and we had tried to discover what was behind it." Police said a post-mortem examination was held yester-

day at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, and an inquest will be held. Jeff Jones, chairman of the school governors and leader of Bridgend County Council, last

night called for a full police in-

vestigation into the bullving



problem. 1. 11 ... Lamie with some of his soccer trophies. He told his parents little of his problems 12

## Man died as police watched killer's house

By Russell Jenkins

A SUSPECTED sex offender murdered a casual homosexual lover while he was under was told yesterday.

Police believed that Mikhail Galiatinov was planning to murder another homosexual the following day. But while they watched his home in Moston, Manchester, from a distance, Gallatinov, 23, handcuffed, bound and then strangled Adrian Kaminsky, 28.

He took photographs of his victim before and after his death on a Polaroid camera supplied by an undercover officer posing as a friend, Manchester Crown Court was told.

Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, said: "The officers had no means of knowing what was going on inside the house. They had no reason, indeed no right, to enter the house. Even if they had forced their way in they would have achieved noth-

ing."
The day after the murder Gallatinov's Nissan Micra was stopped by police on the quarry near Hull to dispose of the body. Officers found it in

Mr Openshaw said Gallatinov who denies murder, came to the attention of the police as a possible sex offender. He was introduced to an undercover officer who. feigned an interest in paedophile material. In November last year Gallatingv

"Steve" that he was planning a "wet job" — gangland par-lance for a killing.

He said he was going to lure his victim to Hull and kill him in an isolated spot. His victim

told the officer, he knew as

would be a homosexual he felt had slighted him whom he had met as part of his work for a gay telephone chatline. Gallatinov boasted that he would take pictures to prove he had committed murder and the detective later supplied the

camera. He also offered to supply him with a Ford Flesta, telling Gallatinov he would be unwise to drive his own car because of the risk of forensic evidence being found. Mr Openshaw said: "At the time it was not so clear it was a real plan, or if it was, the victim was not identified." Mr Openshaw said a police opera-

tion had been arranged to monitor Gallatinov's trip to Hull on the expected day and to intervene when Gallatinov tried to kill his passenger.

But as police watched the house the night before, "Steve" received a phone call from Gallatinov telling him he wanted to bring the murder forward because the intended victim was in his home. The detective told Gallatinov he could not have the car until the next day and that he should do nothing to change his original plan. However, Gallatinov proceeded to strangle Kaminsky with a dressing gown

cord. The trial continues today...

#### Woman is **k** charged over baby's abduction

By Kathryn Knight

A MOTHER of three was remanded in custody for a week yesterday charged with the abduction of baby Karli Haw-thorne. Denise Giddings, 33, from Basildon, Essex, bowed her head and wept throughout the 35-minute hearing and was led handcuffed from court.

Her mother, Patricia Longley, and sister, Tina Carpenter, were comforted by her father. Donald, and estranged husband, Leslie Giddings.

Mrs Giddings is accused of abducting Karli, daughter of Tanya and Karl Hawthorne, from the maternity unit at Basildon General Hospital on Friday afternoon when she was three hours old.

Cyrus Shroff, for the prosecurion, urged that Mrs Giddings remain in custody. Clare Wade, for the defence argued that Mrs Giddings would stay at a fixed address outside Basildon. However, after a 45-minute adjourn-ment, Nicola Moulds, the magistrate, remanded Mrs Giddings in custody for seven days. Outside court, Barry Spanjar, solicitor for Mrs Giddings, said he would appeal for bail to be granted. "She is very grateful Karli is unharmed and we are all relieved this is over without any real damage being done. " Karli and her mother are from hospital tomorrow.

# Landlord jailed over boiler that gassed student

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A LANDLORD and a work- and had found the rented man were jailed yesterday after admitting responsibilty for the death of a student tenant killed by poisonous fumes from a faulty gas boiler. Peter Owen, 40, who re-

ceived a two-year sentence, and plumber Staurt Royle, 46, who was sentenced to 18 months, are believed to be the first to receive custodial sentences in a case of this kind.

They had pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Sonja Hyams, 20, a biology and biochemistry undergraduate. who was found dead in the bathroom of her rented home near Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford-

fumes from the upstairs gas boiler, which also left four of her housemates needing hos-pital treatment, Stafford Crown Court was told. Owen had falsely told the students he

had a gas safety certificate.

Jailing the two men. Judge Clive Tayler said that, while they were not callous, they were guilty of gross negligence and he had no choice but to impose a custodial sentence because of the gravity of the Jonathan Gosling, for the

shire, in November last year. She had been killed by toxic

prosecution, had told the court that Miss Hyams, from Hartley Wintney in Hamp-

student at Keele University

house through her university register of landlords. Together with her friends

she had checked with Owen that he had a gas safety certificate. "He told them falsely that there was, but in truth there never was one," Mr Gosling said. In fact, the fire in the living

room and the upstairs boiler had both been fitted by Royle. who was qualified only as a plumber under the City and Guilds scheme and had no formal qualification. Neither fire nor boiler had adequate ventilation in the rooms and had not been serviced since they were installed. A test revealed that the level of carbon monoxide was above



Sonja Hyams: killed by poisonous fumes

#### Police trio held over missing cannabis

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SCOTLAND YARD detective and two former Flying Squad officers were arrested yesterday over allegations involving the disappearance of cannabis worth £250,000 seized in a police raid.

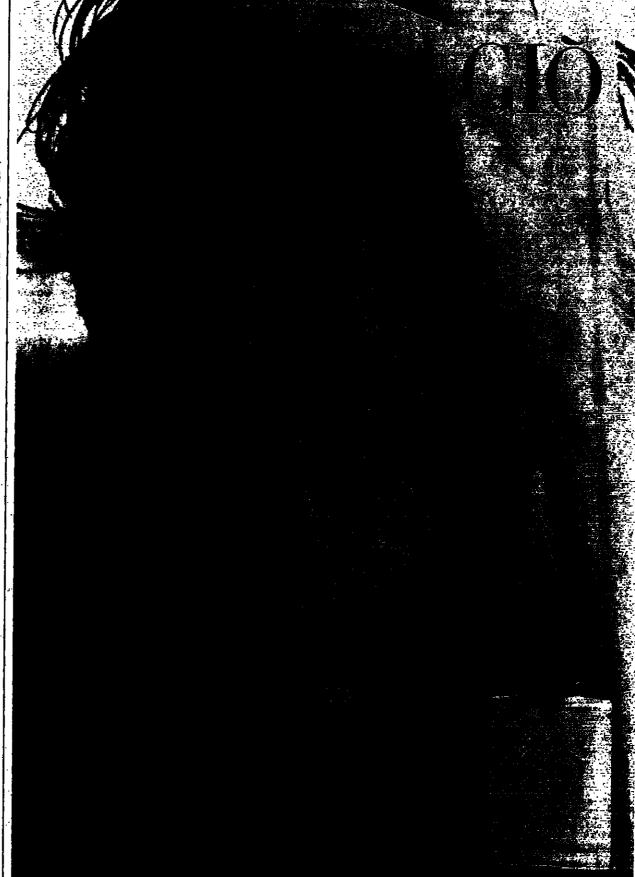
All three officers served in an East London unit of the Flying Squad. The two former officers retired early on illhealth pensions. They were arrested early yesterday by undercover officers from the complaints investigation bur-

The investigators are examining allegations that between 50 and 100 kilos of cannabis were taken from a home in east London last week. It is claimed that the drugs, which should have been stored in a secure place, were later found

to be missing.

Detective Constable Terry McGuinness, 39, was arrested at his Essex home after completing a night shift at Lime-house police station. He has spent much of his career in Sast London.

The two former officers are in their 40s and served with DC McGuinness at a Flying Squad office in North East London. They are Keith Green, a Detective Sergeant who retired early in June last year, and Kevin Garner, Detective Constable who retired



# Drinking 'does little harm to liver'

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

# THERE is little evidence that heavy drinkers are much more prone to die from liver disease and cirrhosis than # those who stick to health and safety guidelines, according to two studies published today. They show that only about one person in 20 who drinks more than 70 units a week - against a recommended level of 21 units for men and 14 for women - develops liver

disease as a result. The research, published in Gut, a specialist magazine, was carried out in

Italian research, those who consume no more than three drinks a day run only a 0.15 per cent risk of circhosis. This rises to I per cent among those who have six drinks a day, to 2 per cent among those who down no drinks a day, to 5 per cent among those on 12 drinks a day and to 6 per cent above that level. The Copenhagen research showed that only 7 per cent of those drinking more than 70 drinks a week had cirrhosis and only 19 per cent had any sign of liver disease.

"We have known for a long time that if you have 20 alcoholics you only get one with liver disease," said Chris Day, who runs the centre for liver research at Copenhagen and Italy. According to the Newcastle University, and who wrote the

magazine's commentary on the research. "According to government figures there are about two million heavy drinkers in Britain, yet there are only 2,500 deaths a year from liver disease. On that evidence there must be hundreds of thousands of people out there with liver disease who we don't know about and who are not becoming so ill we find out about them.

These findings suggest that these illnesses have more to do with genes than anything else. As with diabetes it looks as though there are a combination of genes that make someone prone to the illness. Drinking too much alcohol increases the risk, but not by much. There is obviously a huge genetic component."

#### Nursery teaching 'provides bad start'

By DAVID CHARTER

NURSERY education for all four-year-olds will create more low achievers and greater social division, a senior Labour figure claimed yesterday.

Evidence from European countries where pupils outperform British youngsters showed that children thrived on a kindergarten approach which waited until the age of six before introducing reading, writing and math-

The comments came at meeting of the Fabian Society yesterday, held under rules that forbid a speaker being identified. The politician said unless there was a "complete rethink", forcing children to start the three Rs at four would hold back many in later life.

The speaker also criticised ministers for failing to end the "apartheid" of independent schools.

# British schools face plague of head lice

BRITAIN is facing a plague of head lice as the parasites become increasingly immune to shampoos and lotions designed to kill them.

The number of head lice treatments sold doubled from three million in 1990-91 to six million in 1994-95. It is estimated that the nation is spend-ing more than £14.5 million a year fighting lice, but still losing the battle.

The Department of Health, while maintaining that there is no evidence of an epidemic, concedes that lice infestations are "extremely common". The department has sent out a million leaflets to parents, teachers and health authorities advocating methods of combating head lice.

One is the bug-busting technique known as "wet comb-ing", in which children's hair is shampooed and made slippery with applications of con-ditioner. The hair is painstakingly and thoroughly combed from the roots, removing the lice by wiping the comb after every stroke.

The second method depends on applications of pesticide The louse has always stayed a jump

ahead, but new factors have made

matters worse, reports Robin Young

ing travel and social commu-nication enabled lice to crawl

Ian Burgess, deputy direc-

tor of the Medical Entomology

Centre in Cambridgeshire

says the lice have been helped

because people lead busier

lives nowadays. "People take less time checking their chil-

dren's hair, and since groom-ing is diminishing, head lice are able to flourish." he said.

Less than 50 per cent of

households even own a comb."

Cuts in school nursing ser-vices have made problems

worse, and it is estimated that

although from the mid-Eight-

ies until 1991 Britain had one

of the lowest rates of infesta-

tion in the world lice are

making a widespread return.

infecting as many as one in ten

over the social barriers.

increasing concern that these raise health risks of their own. More than a million bottles of shampoo containing the organophosphate malathion are sold by pharmacists every year, but new research says that reneated use of malathion could lead to its absorption into the bloodstream, causing damage to the nervous system. Other preparations use carbaryl, available on prescription, or pyrethroid insec-ticides as active components.

In any case, head lice have always been notoriously able to survive all pesticide treatments. The leading lotion changes its formulation annually, hoping to keep one jump ahead of the resilient nits, but any lice or eggs which survive a treatment are able to start building immunity. The louse is no respecter of

class. Until the 1960s, head lice Schools have taken to suggesting their own novel mainly affected the inner-city

treatments. Some urge par-ents to soak their children's hair with neat vodka or vinegar, supposedly in hopes of pickling the nits to death.

One school in Kensington.

West London, recently wrote to parents reminding them that even if they checked all resident members of the family carefully, there could still be an hitherto overlooked risk when granny came to stay. Others have taken to aromatherapy, and the use of herbal remedies such as Australian tea tree oil.

Head lice (pediculus humanus capitis) are small wingless insects that feed on human blood and are transmitted by physical contact. Nits are the eggs, laid on hair close to the scalp. They hatch in seven days. The worst likely effects are allergic reactions or impetigo.

Joanna Ibarra, founder of the charity Community Hygiene Concern, said yesterday: "It is quite clear that the problem of head lice is being mismanaged. We are definitely facing an epidemic. Our helpline is taking huge numbers of call from desperate parents."



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# Families plead for Chechnya kidnap victims

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE families of two British charity workers kidnapped by bandits in Chechnya five months ago are today launch-

ing a campaign to raise aware-ness of their plight.

The Foreign Office had pre-viously advised the families not to draw too much media attention to the situation as this might lead the kidnappers to increase their demands, but is supporting the change of approach. This afternoon the Foreign Office minister Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean and the former Beirut hostages Terry Waite and John McCarthy will be among those attending a service at St James's, Piccadilly, for Camilla Carr and Jon James, who were kidnapped from their house in Grozny on July 4. worker held hostage in Chechnya for a month in July 1996,

will also be present. Before the service, the families of the hostages will announce their campaign, Support for Camilla and Jon. which will raise money to press for their release. Any surplus money raised will go to the Little Star Centre in Grozny, a rehabilitation centre for children trauma-

tised by the recent war in the

breakaway Russian republic, where Miss Carr and Mr James had been working.

Miss Carr's sister, Alexandra Little said: "We haven't got a clue who has taken them. Now Christmas is coming and it seemed like time to try with this campaign. The Foreign Office is right behind us."

Miss Carr, 39, and Mr James, 37, left for Chechnya in April this year. Both are experienced charity workers and they took up jobs at the Little Star Centre which had been set up by the Centre for Peacemaking and Community Development.

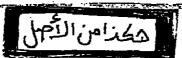
At 2am on July 4, armed and masked men broke into their house and overpowered the bodyguards. They were bundled into a car.

heard. There have been unsourced ransom demands that have evaporated as swiftly as they appeared. In Sep- 1 1 tember, mysterious intermediaries contacted the Chechen Government to confirm the couple were still alive. Since then, nothing has been heard.

A profitable market in kidnapping sprung up in Chechnya following the recent war there between separatists and the Russian Federation.

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# \* Expensive trainers 'more likely to hurt feet'

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

RUNNERS wearing expensive trainers rather than cheaper hrands are much more likely to suffer foot injuries, because they believe the claims made in advertisements, according to scientists.

The discovery was made during a follow-up of research on injuries among 5,000 people taking part in a 16-kilometre race at Berne in Switzerland. Those wearing expensive trainers were more than twice as likely to injure their feet than runners wearing less expensive makes.

The research, published today, says exaggerated adverof the more costly brand names could be to blame. The researchers found also

that injury levels were higher among athletes who had a brand loyalty than among those with no preference. That suggested the trainers were used differently in relation to expectations raised through advertising.

The report, published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, says that no athletic footwear, regardless of manufacturer or price, had ever been shown to protect well against injuries and it was therefore deceptive for advertisements to say they afforded good protection.

Expensive footwear is subject to extremely deceptive advertising," it says. "It is advertised to improve protecthat protect, and more advanced safety technology, yet epidemiological data indicate that users at more espensive shoes are injured more frequently.

Expensive shoes accomm for 123 per cent greater fre-quency of injury than the lowest-cost models, regardless of manufacturer, after correct-

of manufacturer, after correcting for previous injury, training mileage and sex."

The report says that the higher injury take suggests that the impact of the foot on the ground is greater when expensive shoes are worn and we can think of nothing other than the effect of advertising that might account for it." that might account for it.

To discover why athletes in expensive shoes suffered more injuries, researchers from McGiff University in Montreal took a random sample of 15 healthy men with an average age of 31. They were required to step down on a platform measuring the impact of their foot. The platform was covered for three tests in an identical 2.5cm thick layer of polymer material that was made to appear different. The men were told that one surface had superior impact absorption and that a second had poor absorption and laigh injury risk. A third gave neutral information. In a fourth test there was no covering. The research showed that impact was greatest with the deceptive message, lighter tion over cheaper products by with the warning message and incorporating new features lightest with the bare platform.



Peelers at work in Tesco's factory at Fife yesterday. They have 120,000 bags of sprouts to prepare by Christmas

# Only one million sprouts to go until Christmas

CHRISTMAS lunch is not complete without them. But peeling the brussel sprouts is a task that few relish.

Enter a team of 200 peelers at Tesco, which has more than a million sprouts to peel between now and December 25. The group was selected from several hundred applicants, and will produce 120,000 bags of ready-peeled sprouts at Tesco's factory in Fife, central Scotland.

Stan Burns, Tesco's vegetable buyer, said that sprout peeling was a skilful job. "Cut too low and only the base comes off," he said, "but cut too high and half the useful sprout may go to waste. The cut has to be as accurate as a surgeon's incision but at ten times the speed."

The store's reigning speed champion is Julie Wight, who can peel 3312 lbs of sprouts in an hour. That is equivalent to preparing one sprout every five seconds. Ms Wight, 26, a former hairdresser, attributes her success to small hands and nimble fingers. "Giving a



Each sprout takes five to ten seconds to peel

sprout a short back and sides is a question of good hand and eye co-ordination," she said. "Women have more dexterity than men, and hav-ing small hands also helps." Most peelers work at only half her speed, but all are on piece-work rates which give every incentive to fill their

buckets as quickly as quality control will allow. Ms Wight reckons to earn up to £13 an hour for her work, but most of her colleagues are luckly to

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## Leaky goggles can blind swimmers

BY OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SWIMMERS may suffer Sheena Jowett, of Haverfordserious eye damage if they use faulty goggles. The danger has seven-year-old daughter was

injured while using goggles. The problem is caused by overtightening the strap to stop poor-quality goggles from leaking. This increases the pressure on soft tissues round the eye. When the goggles are pulled away, the suction causes bruising and soreness of the eye.

Even when not causing blindness, the condition may cause serious and long-lasting eye damage Nigel and

west, Rembrokeshire, noticed their daughter had returned been discovered by a husband from a swamming lesson with and wife both doctors, whose a blood-filled rash parties left eyend and a sore right eye. They found that the right eyepiece of her goggles had leaked, so she had tightened the strap and occasionally pulled the goggles away to

empiy dut water. They report in today's Post-graduate Medical Journal that they cired their daughter. within 24 hours by applying cold compresses, but later discovered many previous reports of injuries linked to

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# Myra Hindley contests 'life means life' ruling

"served her time" and been punished for the crimes she committed, and the decision that she must die in prison is wrong in law, the High Court

Lawyers for the Moors murderer said she had been unlawfully singled out for such treatment because of the notoriety of the case. Hindley, 55, currently in Durham jail, is challenging decisions by successive Home Secretaries

that "life means life". Edward Fitzgerald, her QC, told the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, that of 24 "whole life" cases. this was the only one in which the offender was not the killer. One of the suspicions one harbours is that this applicant may have been singled out because of her particular notoriety." he said.

Hindley and her accomplice lan Brady, whose health has prisoners serving life to have had their tariff increased. Rosemary West is the only other woman to be given a vhole life tariff.

Hindley has served 31 years since she was jailed with lan Brady in 1966 for murdering Lesley Ann Downey, 10, and Edward Evans, 17. Ten years ago she confessed to two more

In 1982, Lord Lane, who was then Lord Chief Justice, advised that she serve not less than 25 years but in 1985 Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, fixed the minimum term at 30 years for Hindley and 40 Lawyers say Brady's 'evil influence'

corrupted Hindley and she merits

her freedom. Richard Ford reports

years for Brady. A whole life tariff was imposed on Hindley in 1990 by David Waddington, then Home Secretary, a decision confirmed by Michael Howard and Jack Štraw.

Mr Fitzgerald said: "As a matter of proportionality, the 30 years originally fixed by Leon Brittan, and now served in full, is sufficient to meet the requirements of retribution and deterrence in her case."

Mr Fitzgerald said that the whole life tariff failed to differ-

entiate between the culpability of Hindley and her co-defendant in spite of the clear distinction drawn by the courts and the police. He argued that she was less

wicked and responsible for the

killings than Brady and had acted throughout under the influence of his threats and intimidation. He said that at the trial at

Chester Crown Court, the prosecution stated that Hind-ley had been indoctrinated by Brady and that he had introduced her to corrupting literature and the idea of murder. and that he had initiated and planned their crimes. He added: "The jury reflect-

ed the view that Myra Hindley became involved as a secondary party, after Brady had started the killings, by acquitting her of the first of the murders, that of John Kilbride. Though she has subsequently - and to her credit

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Ian Brady, whose victims with Myra Hindley included ten-year-old Lesley Ann Downey

prelude to John Kilbride's death, the jury's verdict does reflect the wider reality that Brady was the initiator of all

the crimes."

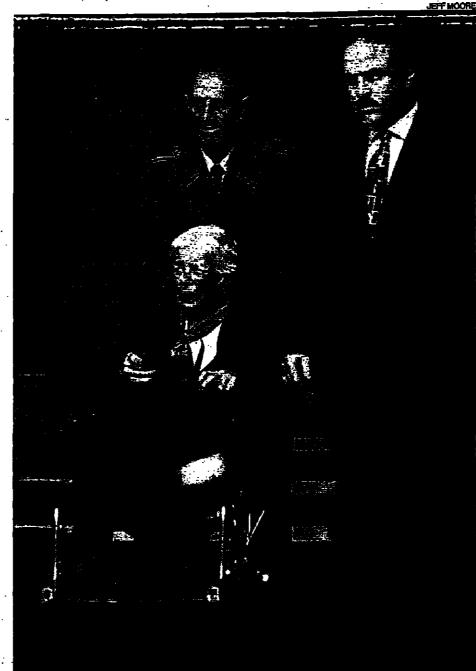
He said that in Hindley's confession to two other-killings in 1987, she also indoctrination by Brady. The confessions were made "as part of a genuine attempt to put the record straight". There was, he said, clear evidence of

Mr Fitzgerald said there was evidence that she had tried to extricate herself, but she was involved with a "homicidal maniac", who had threatened to kill her and her relatives, and whose "threats therefore have to be taken seriously". Once he had throttled her to frighten her and had told her that "she would end up in the grave if she did not co-operate

Hindley was not in court but Lord Longford, who has campaigned for her release, was present. There were also relatives of the victims.

Ann West, the 68-year-old mother of Lesley Ann Downey, who is in wheelchair, suffering from cancer, said outside court: "I started this 30 years ago and I will be in my grave by Christmas. But I'm still going on."

The hearing continues. ☐ Joe Mounsey, a detective with the Lancashire force who played a leading part in the hunt for Brady and Hindley, has died aged 73 at his home



Ann West, mother of Lesley Ann Downey, outside the High Court yesterday

# Judges defended over rape trials

By OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal judge who is in charge of training the judiciary has delivered a robust defence of judges' han-dling of rape and child abuse

In an interview with The Times, Lord Justice Henry says that despite criticisms of judges, jail sentences for rape and attempted rape have doubled during the past 12 years. The rise in jail terms, from an average length of 41.2 months in 1984 to 79.5 months in 1996 (excluding life sentences),

treat rape seriously, he said. Training for the handling of rape trials was included in refresher courses and only the most experienced judges were allowed to take such cases. We have a lot of training in the various aspects of rape and our equal treatment courses also cover anyone een to be disadvantaged before the courts." The Judicial Studies Board, which publishes its annual report tomorrow, supervises training for full-time and parttime judges and supervises training for the magistracy.

Judges are regularly criticised for their handling of rape trials. Lord Justice Henry said that judges were on public view, with every word recorded on the transcript. Yet often their remarks were quoted out of context. He said there was a need

for better liaison between ry so that the media had a duty press officer at every court and could check back.

seminars has been set up to deal with child abuse cases. Two have been held and 139 judges have taken part. The courses were oversubscribed and a third is planned.

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#### Faster system to tackle solicitors' mistakes By Frances GIBB

FASTER procedures and fi-nancial penalties to deal with increasing complaints against solicitors were announced yesterday by the newly-formed Office for the Supervision of

However, the office's first press conference and launch of its annual report was undermined when Martin Mears, the former Law Society president, attacked the new body as no more than a "cosmetic" change. It had the same attitude and culture and many of the same staff as the old, discredited Solicitors' Complaints' Bureau and people were equally dissatified with its workings, he said.

Mr Mears, who described the annual report as "a hypocritical PR document, accused the office of failing to publish details of research which showed 85 per cent of respondents did not think their complaint had been sat-

isfactorily resolved.
Instead, he said, the annual report was full of platitudes about tackling backlogs, im-plementing reforms and de-veloping new technology.

Paul Pharoah, chairman of the new body's compliance said that Mr Mears's accusations were "wholly wrong" and added that solicitors would not welcome attempts to "destabilise" the office before it had a chance to prove

He announced two improvements after new figures showed that the office had received 22,305 complaints during 1996-97, a 7 per cent rise on the previous year. From January 1, most complaints which are not resolved through conciliation will not have to wait for several months pending a full investi-gation but will be dealt with under a simplified procedure within two weeks.

Solicitors will face financial penalties of up to £1,000 if they do not attempt to handle clients' complaints themselves. This is an attempt to ensure that all law firms have formal complaints procedures, and that where possible complaints are tackled at

admitted that delays of several complaints which required full investigation were much too long and had still to be tackled. But other initiatives 1 were bearing fruit, including the "client care" guide for solicitors, "client care surgeries" at the Law Society headquarters at Chancery Lane soon to be extended to regional offices — and a solicitors



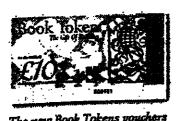
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# Faster tackle Solicitors mistakes

# Transplant saved baby's life at five days old

A BABY five days old became Britain's youngest transplant patient in a life-saving opera-tion by doctors who are pioneers in liver surgery.

The transplant was carried

out five months ago at King's College Hospital. South London. The girl, Baebhen. is now so well the surgeons are confident she will lead a normal life. Yesterday her parents Ita and Ilicaen Schut. parents, Ita and Jürgen Schuttke, took Baebhen and her sister Aodhbha, 5, back to the hospital from their Dublin home to thank the staff.

Two of the couple's sons died as babies from the inherited illness, haemochromatosis, which causes too much iron to build up in the liver. It can kill a baby before it is diagnosed.

Baebhen was therefore tested for the disease when she was born in Dublin in July, and was found to be suffering from it. She was flown to London and taken to the Variety Club Children's Hospital, which is part of King's, and operated on three days later.

Two teams of surgeons, led by Mohamed Rela, worked on the baby and on the donated liver simultaneously to reduce the length of the operation, which took six hours. The donor was an boy aged

A pioneering technique made

liver surgery

possible, reports

#### Ian Murray

about ten. Surgeons at the hospital have pioneered a technique by which a liver is divided into eight segments and each one is capable of being transplanted into a young baby. The team has performed the operation on 13 babies under three months old with good results. Baebhen is the youngest of their patients

At this age the risk of re-jection is minimal because the body does not recognise the transplanted organ as alien.

Mr Rela said yesterday:

"The whole transplant team is very pleased that the transplant went so well. Our ability to perform this level of surgery on patients so small has been made possible by the development of reducing livers to one eighth of their size. Surgeons at King's are world leaders in split and auxiliary liver trans-

plants. King's is the largest liver transplant centre in Europe and we have the concentration of skill, expertise and research to drive forward developments in this field."

Giorgina Mieli-Vergani, the consultant liver paediatrician who cared for Baebhen and treated one of her brothers, said: "We are delighted that she is doing so well and expect her to make a full recovery and live a happy and healthy

Mrs Schuttke, whose husband is originally from Ger-many, said the transplant team had been brilliant. "Baebhen is twice the size now as she was then. It shows how successful and courageous the surgeons have been. The child's name is Gaelic

for sweet, beautiful and melodious woman, Mrs Schuttke said. When Baebhen was born she roared for two hours. which was very melodious, so she lives up to her name."



Jürgen and Ita Schuttke and their elder daughter Aodhbha with Baebhen, who is doing well after surgery

#### **Postman** knocks to catch a thief

By PAUL WILKINSON

MORE than 30 people thought Christmas had come early when a uniformed delivery man called at their door with a mystery parcel. However, once the delivery man was sure he had the right person, he revealed that the gift" was a warrant for their

The delivery was all part of an elaborate sting by South Yorkshire Police that caught 35 criminals, some of whom had been evading the law for

two years. The greed of one fugitive for great that he left a hide-away in his loft to take delivery. Another suspected a con-trick by a bogus company and took the letter notifying him of the parcel to his local police sta-

tion where he was arrested.

Detective Chief Inspector Bob Varey said that many of those arrested were unruffled by the manner of their capture. "Some accepted it was a fair cop, others laughed when they realised they had been

## Leukaemia may develop as child is in the womb

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A RARE type of leukaemia in children is triggered in the womb, scientists have discovered. The finding raises the possibility that most child-hood leukaemias also begin in the womb and could be caused by infections or chemicals to which the mother is exposed during pregnancy.

Clear evidence that babies are born with acute lympho-blastic leukaemia (ALI) has been collected by Mel Greaves, director of the leukaemia research fund centre at the Institute of Cancer is usually found in children under one year old and accounts for only 5 per cent of childhood cancers. More common and less dangerous forms occur between the ages

of two and six. Dr Greaves has been able to prove that the foetus contracts the disease by analysing the small blood samples that are taken from every British baby

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within a week of birth via a heel prick. The samples are stored for up to ten years and are normally used to test for inherited diseases such as cystic fibrosis and virus infections such as HTV.

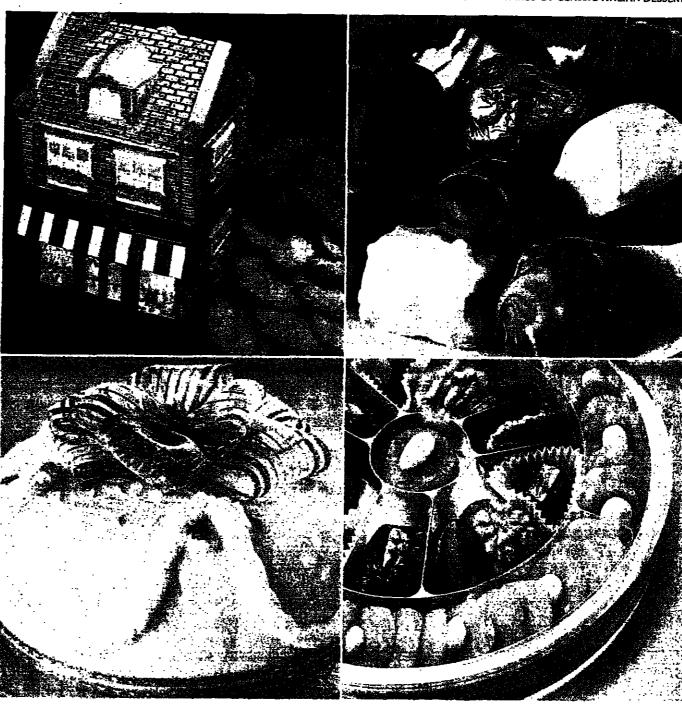
No tests are carried out for leukaemia, but Dr Greaves was able to do this on the samples from three children. aged five months, six months and two years, who were diagnosed as having ALL The samples of all three showed the condition was present at birth.

old has opened up the pos-sibility that all childhood

One idea being pursued is that certain chemicals, including alcohol and some medicines, may cause the abnormality. Dr Greaves's study is printed today in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA.

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# MP turns detective to clear name in car case

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

ANN CLWYD, the Labour MP, was cleared yesterday of driving through a red light after she turned detective to

challenge police testimony.

Mrs Clwyd, armed with a dossier of photographs she had taken, persuaded magistrates that two officers were Wrong when they said they could see the traffic lights from their patrol car.

Mrs Clwyd, 60, MP for Cynon Valley in South Wales. had faced a fine of £40 after she was reported for jumping the light as she returned to Cardiff from Westminster in February. She was a mile from home when, at IIpm, she was accused of failing to stop

at a busy junction.

WPC Karen Agnew told
Cardiff magistrates: "I had a clear and uninterrupted view of the traffic light. I saw Mrs Clwyd's car go through the lights on red. There was nothing at all to cloud my

WPC Agnew stopped the MP's car and told her she had committed an offence that could be dealt with by a fixed penalty. Mrs Clwyd asked how much the fine would be and was told £40.

Paul Warren, defending Mrs Clwyd, produced four 12in x 16in colour photographs taken by her at the junction. During his cross-examination of WPC Agnew, he drew her attention to the black tubes that projected from each of the traffic lights. He said that the angle of the traffic lights and

the tubes would have prevent-ed the WPC seeing the colour of the lights. WPC Agnew said: "You can still see the disbelief. I decided to go back

#### **Eubank is fined £240**

was fined £240 with three penalty points for failing to stop at a red light yesterday.

Eubank, 31, pleaded guilty by letter to failing to stop at a junction in his home town of Hove, East Sussex, in July. The former world super middleweight champion told Brighton magistrates he was "extremely surprised" to be stopped by police and had not lights, especially in the dark- to take photographs from the

PC John James, a passenger on the traffic patrol, said that he, too, had a clear view of the traffic lights as Mrs Clwyd drove through the crossroads at Llandaff, Cardiff.

Mrs Clwyd told the court:
"As I went through the traffic light it was on green, but three quarters of the way across the junction they changed to amber. When the policewoman stopped me and told me what I'd done, I said: 'Did I?' in

thought the light was red at the time. But he accepted, "in hindsight", that it must have

Five years ago Eubank was convicted of careless driving following a crash in which a roadside worker was killed. Three months later he was ordered to pay £1,000 in fines and costs after being convicted of careless driving for driving through a red light.

position the panda car was parked. From that position you cannot see the lights. They are turned away from you."

Cross-examined about why she asked how much the fine would be, she said: There are circumstances sometimes when it's easier to pay up than argue. There has been a lot of adverse publicity for anyone in public life to come and

argue this out."
Richard Cox, the stipendiary magistrate, said: "This is a case where everyone has given their evidence truthfully. On the one hand, the officers tell me they clearly saw the red light and on the other hand. the defendant says that cannot be the case. At the end of the day, there is an element of doubt. We must give the benefit of that doubt to

Mrs Clwyd."
Mrs Clwyd said she would be lodging a complaint with the Police Complaints Authority and, if necessary, would take the matter to the Home Secretary and the Attorney-



Ann Clwyd leaving Cardiff Magistrates' Court after the hearing yesterday

#### Rally car instructor jailed over road death

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MOTOR sports instructor whose bad driving caused the death of a young woman was jailed for 12 months yesterday. A court was told that Andrew Spence, 30, had been late for a meeting with business clients he was due to take on a day out when he forced the woman's vehicle off the road as he overtook a line of traffic. He is one of six people coached by the British Association of Rally Schools to NVQ

standard in motor sports

instruction. As he pulled out on the A66 in Co Durham in October last year, a car driven by Marsha Smith came towards him. Miss Smith, 23, swerved to avoid him but lost control and smashed head-on into two other vehicles. She was thrown from her overturned car and died instantly.

Spence from Acomb near York, failed to stop, and later said he had not seen any

He appeared yesterday at Newcastle Crown Court for sentence after his conviction for causing death by dangerous driving. Judge Maurice Carr, who banned him from driving for two years, said that Spence had shown aggression.

#### Man jailed for killing wife with

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

a hammer A pensioner who killed his elderly sick wife with a ham-mer because he could no

longer bear to watch her crying out in pain was yester-day sentenced to 18 months by Reading Crown Court However, Gordon Taylor, 70, who has been in custody since March, is expected to be released within days. He denied murder but admitted manslaughter.

#### £1.8m damages

Zeta Palmer, 28. of Wolver-hampton has been awarded £1.85 million by the High Court after an anaesthetist's mistake during an operation left her partly paralysed for life. Wolverhampton Health Authority admitted liability.

#### Injury award

A mental patient who severely injured herself jumping from the eighth floor of a hospital has been awarded £145,000 by the High Court. Maxine Griggs, 38, of Letchworth, had accused North Hertfordshire NHS Trust of negligence.

#### Softer line

Phone users who do not pay their bills will be allowed to off being cut off. Oftel, the industry watchdog, said the new agreement with phone companies should reduce disconnections for debt.

#### Girl found

A 13-year-old girl from Essex who went missing last month has been found in a village near Aberdeen. Sally Claydon, of Harlow, was thought to have run off with a 47-yearold man she met on boliday. A man has been arrested.

#### BBC libel defeat

Peter Laister, the former chairman of Maxwell Communications Corporation, received libel damages from the BBC over a suggestion be had blotted out his signature on a document authorising the disposal of £56 million.

#### Airport protest

Nine protesters against the expansion of Manchester airport chained themselves together in a departure lounge yesterday. Another ten scaled an elevated walkway. Flights were not affected.

#### CORRECTION

James Fifield is president and chief operating officer of EMI Music worldwide: Sir Colin Southgate's salary for the year ended March 3i, 1997, was £799,100 (article, November

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# Lost girls survive night on moor by sticking to rules

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

SIX teenage girls who became lost on Dartmoor during a school hike were reunited with their families yesterday and told how they survived by following safety instructions to the letter.

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As soon as it got dark on Sunday, the girls, who carried full survival equipment, set up camp in a forest. They kept their spirits up in the cold and wer by telling jokes about their teachers as more than 140 searchers and two helicopters looked for them.

The five 14-year-olds and one 15-year-old, from Torpoint School, southeast Cornwall, had become lost in thick fog just 50 yards from their first checkpoint during the 12-mile walk. Visibility was down to 50 ft and although the girls were briefly spotted by a teacher stationed at the checkpoint, the mist closed in and they never reached it.

Members of the Dartmoor

Rescue Group joined police and units from the Royal Marines but in the end the girls turned up at a farm near Postbridge. The girls, who were picked up by an RAF Sea King, said they had huddled together for warmth after deci-

ding to set up camp. Caroline Barker said: "We



A search dog and its handler join the hunt

were in sight of our first tor but the mists came down and we don't know what went wrong. We walked down a path which turned out to be a dead end. We thought - just over this hill and we'll be there. When it got completely dark, it was a bit worrying.

We stopped and put the tent up and heard helicopters coming over. So we did the flashing with the torch, the recognised emergency signal, and we blew our whistles but nobody seemed to hear us. "It was fairly cold. We shared our clothes and kept

each other warm. It was very windy, and that kept waking

Charlotte Clare said: "It was freezing and horrible and we all had to huddle together in our sleeping bags for warmth. It was quite frightening out there on the moor in the dark. But she added: This won't put us off going back on the

way off the moor. They followed their instructions and through all right." contingency. plans. We shall Keith Lesueur, a Torpoint see if there are any lessons we School teacher, said that the

school and the girls' parents

were delighted that the girls training of this sort." were back, safe and well. "I The Dartmoor Rescue am pleased they followed their Group used trained tracker training and found their own

need to draw but I am sure we

will continue to use adventure

usually collies, are trained to sniff out people who may be sheltering in undergrowth. The group had set out on the

hike from Holming Beam near Princetown on Sunday morning as part of their training for the Ten Tors Challenge, a two-day orienteering expedition. They were

one of seven teams of six pupils. Three teachers were ccompanying other teams.

Moira Warwick, the deputy head, said that although the girls were unsupervised, the leader of the small group had previously participated in the Ten Tors expedition and was an experienced walker. "The

girls are well-equipped to handle any emergency," she said. Roy Bright, the headmaster, was satisfied that the girls had followed safety training and had acted responsibly. "I would be happy to let them out again," he said. "You've got to

give these youngsters some sort

of opportunity for adventure."



Plan to cut accidents targets

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

vandals

SAFETY experts are drawing up plans to combat railway vandalism with the biggest package of crime-prevention measures to be introduced in the rail industry.

The moves — including closed-circuit relevision, regular patrols by railway staff, tougher fencing and better lighting - face strong resistance from the privatised industry, worried about having to pay for "over-zealous" attempts to force through changes that may not be effective.

Huge increases in the number of train accidents caused by vandals have prompted calls for the industry to do more to tighten security at stations, on trains and along some sections of track.

More than half of the 1.753 train accidents last year were caused by "malicious action" and senior rail figures believe that inspectors are planning to mount a high-profile cam-paign to try to shame train firms into spending money on an expensive wish-list of unproven measures". Several say privately they will resist any such moves unless there is proof they will bring substan-

### Rail users signal record complaints

COMPLAINTS by rail passengers reached record levels during the summer. About 4,500 complaints were received by the Central Rail User's Consultative Committee, a rise of 96 per cent on the same period last year.

Information at stations and from national telephone inquiry bureaux attracted most complaints, followed by reliability, overcrowding, train cleanliness, suitability of service and punctuality. Full details are due to be released tomorrow but it is understood that dissatisfaction covers rail companies throughout Brit-

A year ago, the committee reported a fail in complaints over six consecutive months 1997 saw the first fall in more than 15 years. But the figures for July to Scotember this

year are the highest on record. Paul Hadley, the committee's national director, said: The increase is evidence of just how wide the gulf is significantly reduced, and



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# Blair launches One Nation taskforce

Valerie Elliott on the fight against poverty, truancy and other ills that keep people on the fringe of society

Exclusion Unit yesterday with a brief to devise policies to help the disadvantaged within two years.

The unit includes a mix of civil servants and professionals with experience of working with people excluded from mainstream society by poverty, poor schooling and unemployment. They will work alongside policy advisers in the Cabiner Office.

Yesterday Mr Blair hailed the unit as a demonstration of the Government's new approach to poli-cymaking in Whitehall. He wants it to work across the usually rigid departmental boundaries. In a speech at Stockwell Park School, in a deprived area of South London, he said: "We don't believe that Whitehall knows best. We need practical experience. We need the insights of people who have worked at the sharp end."

He said that the unit would work with communities engaged in solving their own problems, and would listen to the "views of the socially excluded themselves".

TONY BLAIR launched his Social 36, a former economic affairs private secretary to John Major and Mr Blair at Number 10. Government officials describe the Treasury high-fiver as "full of ideas". The priority will be policies to avoid truancy and school exclusions; to improve the worst councils estates; to help households with no one in employment; and to help homeless people who are sleeping

rough.
Mr Blair said yesterday: "Britain cannot be a strong community. cannot be one nation, when there are so many families experiencing a third generation of unemployment, when so many pensioners live on crime-ridden housing estates and are afraid to go out, when thousands of truant children spend their days hanging around on

He has asked the unit to address

the growing number of unruly pupils being thrown out of schools. Last year there were 12,500 exclusions, an increase of 13 per cent from 1994-95. Two thirds of schoolyouth court had either been exclud-



Tony Blair in Lambeth. South London, yesterday with Joseph Prowsie, a school parent-governor, and Kate Hoey, the area's Labour MP

truants. At yesterday's launch, two former truants appealed to young people to think about their future. Nehary Green, 16, was regularly threatened with exclusion from Stockwell Park School unless he obeyed the rules. "My parents spoke to me, my teachers spoke to

me and I realised I didn't want to

used to miss maybe two days a week, and even spent a day in the corridors at school. But now I'm doing my GCSEs and working hard. It's my future, and it's not just about going out of school and onto the dole. I want to be someone in the community like everyone else. I want to be a doctor or something like that."

of two, said that she had been a disruptive pupil who was expelled from St Saviour's and St Olave's, Southwark, when she was 14. She then went to a tutor centre in Clapham and passed three GCSEs and is now a clerical officer. "Ir's she said. "When you're older you can't get a job and look after your

education to get a job and prospects Later the unit is expected to look at the plight of the mentally ill, many of whom are unable to keep jobs but not sick enough to claim

> Yesterday Church Action on Poverty urged Mr Blair to follow a

medical treatment.

benefits or to be obliged to have

"high-profile but piecemeal" initia-tives. Niall Cooper, national co-ordinator, said: "The Government must be prepared to challenge the vested interests of more wealthy and powerful groups in society. where they serve only to reinforce poverty and inequality.

The members of the social exclusion unit are: Jon Bright, of the crime prevention group Crime Concern: Simon Courage, of the Department for Education and Employment, where he has worked on the Welfare to Work policy: Guy Gardener, a chief superintendent from Kent police: Mandy Jacklin, of the Department of Social Secpoverty, family and lone-parent policies; Amanda Jordan, of the public and community affairs group of the NatWest Group; Geoff Mulgan, a member of the founder of the left-of-centre thinktank Demos; Zena Peatfield, an assistant director of social services council; David Reardon, an assistant chief probation officer in inner London: Angela Sarkis, chief executive of the Church Urban Fund: Liz Walton, an official from the Department for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, where she has worked on housing and regeneration policy; and Katherine Wright, of the Department of Health.

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Don't be misled by notions of Left and Right

that "every boy and every gal . . . is either a little Liberal or else a little Conservative" was an over-simplification even when written in 1882. It is now grossly misleading. The fallacy of a simple Left versus Right division was exposed nearly thirty years ago by Sir Samuel Brittan in such a distinction in describbeen highlighted by a new report, Beyond Left and Right. The New Politics of Britain, based on a MORI poil for the Institute of Eco-

nomic Affairs. The authors, John Blundell of IEA and Brian Gosschalk of MORI, reveal the complicated cross-currents of public opinion. Based on replies to 21 estions by 1,780 people last spring (during the election campaign), they produce five classifications - conservative (36 per cent), libertarian (19 per cent), socialist (18 per cent), centrist (15 per cent), and authoritarian (13 per cent).

A conservative favours the market over the government as the best way to resolve economic matters, but wants a strong state presence in personal matters such as drugs, abortion or sex — with a socialist the exact opposite. An authoritarian is distrustful of everyone but the government and demands intervention on all fronts, while a libertarian favours a laissezfaire approach on all fronts. Just over three fifths are

market liberals and slightly less than three fifths are socially conservative. This spectrum is remarkably similar to that found in America at the time of President Clinton's reelection 13 mouths ago. The authors also define a category of centrist in the middle of

even in the spring just 57 per cent of socialists intended to vote Labour (and 18 per cent Liberal Democrat). Women are slightly more authoritar

of authoritarians and conservatives rises with age.

The detailed answers show strong support (at least 55 per cent, and in some cases much more) for the following propositions: government imposes too much red tape on industry and commerce: private medical coverage diverts resources from the NHS and should be discouraged; public transport fares should be subsidised; a should be introduced; business and trade (rather than aid) is better for Third World should be legally available to all who want it. The public is also, by a narrow margin, opposed to giving the police powers either to stop people at random and search them

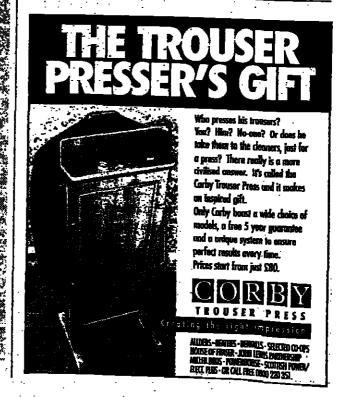
Little of this will be news to the Blair camp, whose strategy has been, successfully, to

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maximise support these groups. According to the poil, nearly a quarter of conservatives said that they were going to vote Labour. Mr Blair's party came first in each of the other four ideological groups, winning the support of a third of libertarians and nearly three fifths of authoritarians, their ideological foes. It is all part of the Blairites' attempt to be the

"People's Government". Critics say that the Government is being all things to all people. This cannot, and will not, last. As the Government takes decisions, and builds up a record, it will define itself more ideologically, and is bound to alienate some people. Nonetheless, any suc-cessful party has to appeal to at least some in each ideological group. Only partisans view life in narrow left-right terms. Most voters do not think of themselves within such blinkers, but then they are much less politically com-mitted than politicians would

PETER RIDDELL



WILL TAKE

'I am convinced it is now or never. One of the crews will break the record,' says confident Branson

VIRGIN GLOBAL CHALLENGER, ITS RIVALS AND THE ROUTES THEY

# Hot air gives way to action in great balloon challenge

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE race is on between five balloons to be the first to float around the Earth. Meteorologists have given Richard Branson the all-clear in Marrakesh. Morocco, to launch his third attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

Take-off could come at any time between 4pm today and 10am tomorrow from a Moroccan airforce base at the foot of the Atlas Mountains.

Steve Fossett, the millionaire solo balloonist who lasted six days before his challenge fell to Earth in January, has already beaten Mr Branson to the take-off. He left from the United States on Sunday afternoon. The five competitors could be crossing the skies at the same time in pursuit of the elusive record.

The go-ahead for Mr Branson was signalled by Martin Harris, the head of Oxford Scientific Services. who is linked up to meteorological stations in 70 countries around the world that the Virgin Global Challenger has to cross if it is to complete the 20.000-mile voyage.

The jet streams that are required to propel the 174 ft halloon, the biggest in the

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world, are in place over Marrakesh and should waft the Challenger over India within

But storm clouds are looming over the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean. The Virgin team may have to sit over India for several days until the storms recede.

The Virgin assault on the record went horribly wrong in January when the helium. which is required to keep the balloon buoyant at night. cooled sharply. Changes to the multimillion-pound capsule should ensure that there is no similar mishap.

Mr Branson, speaking to The Times from Marrakesh. said last night: "Now the race is really on. Steve Fossett was first out of the blocks. I am sure we can overtake him. The others will be following suit.
The record is going to fall to
one of us." The three other competitors are waiting for similar weather conditions be-

fore they launch. With the race expected to last at least 15 days, Mr Branson could be spending Christmas Day 35,000ft above the ground. Packed among the provisions are three Christmas puddings, caviar and champagne, with strict instructions that they are not to be opened until December 25.

The balloonists will fly at up to 35,000ft and travel up to 2,000 miles a day in an attempt to break the 20,000mile barrier. Marrakesh was the start for

Mr Branson's first attempt in January, which came close to disaster when the Virgin Challenger crash-landed in Algeria.
Only the bravery of Alex

Aitken, 52, the last-minute substitute member of the three-man crew, saved the vovage from a tragic ending. He clambered on the roof of the 11.5-tonne capsule at 6,000ft to dump a one-tonne propane gas cylinder overboard to halt the Challenger's 2.000ft-a-minute descent. They had been in the air only 24 hours and travelled only 400 miles.

The prospect of a place in the record books has been sweetened for the adventurers. Budweiser beer has donated a trophy and a \$1 million (£600,000) prize to the winning balloonists. Mr Branson. the favourite, has said he would donate his share to charity.

Mr Branson, 47, Per Lindstrand, 49, who designed and built the Challenger, and the businessman Rory Mc-Carthy, 39, the world civilian sky-diving champion, have been undergoing sky-diving training in Morocco in case they need to make a hurried exit from the capsule.

The Challenger, the most technically advanced of the five balloons, will fly over North Africa, Saudia Arabia, Pakistan, northern India, across South East Asia and the Pacific, crossing Mexico and then the Atlantic.

Several of Mr Branson's Virgin companies have taken out insurance policies on the safe return of their founder. Mr Branson said: "I am

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Richard Branson, the favourite to be first of five contenders to circumnavigate the globe, making checks, below, to the Challenger capsule

One of the five crews will break the record. They are all capable of doing it. I hope it will be us.

"I have waited ten years for this. Having already crossed the Atlantic and the Pacific our team has a good chance. We could land anywhere between the Arctic and the Antarctic. But I have mown the lawn at our house in Oxfordshire. That is our ideal return zone."

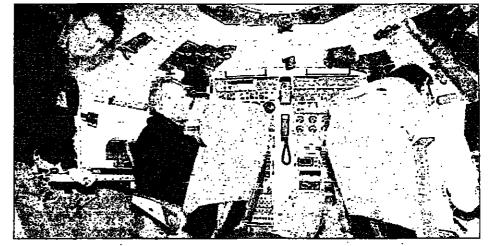
The course is highly unpre-dictable. When Mr Branson and Mr Lindstrand crossed the Pacific they aimed to touch down in Los Angeles but landed 2,500 miles further north in the frozen wastes of

the Northwest Territories. Since last year adaptations have been made to the capsule. "We have something up our sleeve which will surprise our opponents. It could be the decisive factor," Mr Branson

He has already overcome one serious obstacle: the resistance of his wife, Joan. But having persuaded the family

he is now braced to go.

I want to do it. I have to do it. It is an aviation milestone that has been described by the National Geographic Society as the century's last great aeronautical prize. It is now firmly within our grasp."



# Friendly bowls contest is jacked in

governing bodies of the normally sedate sport of bowls has been called off because one team includes women (Simon de

Bruxelles writes). The all-male English Indoor Bowling Association objected when it discovered that two women, one an England international, had been picked to play for the opposition. The rival English Bowls

THE annual "friendly" between the two Players Association turned down an offer from one of the women to drop out and refused to change its 24-player line-up. The friendly game was then called off.
The English Bowls Players Associ-

ation, which admitted women members in April, was disappointed by the decision. Tony Allcock, its chairman, said: "Dropping our players would have been unacceptable. You can't have your oppo-

nents pick your team." The two governing bodies have met annually for years. This year's game, to have taken place at Watford on Sunday, was arranged before the association admitted women.

Bill Fowler, president of the English Indoor Bowling Association, said: "There are some very good lady players around but in competition it seems to me they do not quite measure up."

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#### **Burglars** leave rare birds to die of cold

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

cockatiels and other exotic birds have died after burglars broke into their breeding centre, cutting off the power supply that kept them warm. They also opened the doors of more than 30 outside aviaries containing several thousand birds. Hundreds escaped before the raid on Saturday night was discov-

survive for more than a week. Brett Hammond, director of Pegasus Birds at Brentwood. Essex, who breeds the birds for zoos and collectors. said: "It is incomprehensible to me that anyone would want to do anything so spiteful and

ered. They are unlikely to

malicious to helpless birds." The raiders stole a computer and attacked electrical equipment with expanding foam. "This tripped out the electricity supply, sending temperatures plummeting, and many birds died of cold." Mr Hammond said. "Others broke their necks as they flew about in the dark."



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FROM SAM KILEY

IN JOHANNESBURG THE African National Congress and its Women's League bitter dispute after the party

rushed to announce that the league had dumped its presi-dent, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, from its candidate list for the ANC's deputy presidency.
Ronnie Mapoena.

ANC's spokesman, said early

vesterday that the Women's

League national executive had

dropped her name from a list

of nominees for the top jobs in the ANC which will be decided

at the party's fiftieth congress

Sources at the Women's

League said that allegations at

later this month.

# 9,000 quit town after 1943 bomb is dug up in France

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

of a town outside Paris were evacuated vesterday as French troops moved in to defuse a large unexploded bomb left after a British attack in the Second World War.

The 1.000lb bomb was unearthed in the middle of Dugny, a town on the outskirts of the French capital, during building work on the site of a wartime military barracks used by the occupying Germans.

At dawn yesterday the town was sealed off with roadblocks by more than 500 military and riot police, and 30 buses were brought in to transport residents to a nearby exhibition centre while the 54-year-old bomb was neutralised by a military disposal squad.

There is no panic," said André Veyssière, the Mayor of

NINETHOUSAND residents Le Bourget airport, was used as a large German troop depor in 1943 and 1944. The runways were of crucial importance to the Luftwaffe, and the town was the target of repeated Allied bombing.

The bomb, containing more than 500lb of explosives, is believed to be one of hundreds that rained down on the town on the night of August 16, 1943. That raid, lasting just 15 minutes, destroyed 95 per cent of the buildings in Dugny and killed more then 200 people.

The bomb was discovered last week and many inhabitants moved out of Dugny at the weekend after being warned of the disposal operation. Police searched houses and cellars around the site to ensure no one was left behind. and a small contingent of police remained on hand to



Lieutenant-Colonel Michel Kadikoff, head of the bomb disposal team, with the 1,000lb bomb and its broken fuse in Dugny yesterday

eration to defuse the homb was carried out using a re-mote-controlled device. Neutralising the bomb was a particularly delicate manoeuvre since the detonator, which had to be unscrewed, had broken on impact with the ground, according to Lieuten-ant-Colonel Michel Kadikoff, the disposal squad leader.

Whether through some form of Blitz mentality, bloody-mindedness or sangfroid, a few locals declared they would not leave their houses despite the entreaties of officials. "I'm staying in my home. I have no intention of going into a hangar," one resident said. "I'm going to close my shutters and board up the windows. That way, if there is an explosion, it won't

Explosives experts said that · if the bomb had gone off, it could have devastated most of

the centre of Dugny in a radius of hundred of yards. "A tiny fragment could decapitate a person at a distance of 300 yards." one member of the disposal team said.

After the 1943 attack, two further bombing raids, in June and August 1944, completed the destruction of Dugny. After the liberation of France, the town was rebuilt from scratch, although a number of intact bombs re-

mained embedded in the earth. Dugny is still riddled with unexploded ordnance. according to residents. "Every time you dig a hole, you find another bomb," one said.

The rusting bomb, 5ft long, was discovered during preliminary construction work on a new barracks for the elite Republican Guard, the guards of honour at state ceremonies. Albert Copruyn, the site foreman, said: The workers

was while the earth was being dug out that it fell out of the bucket of a buildozer." Oranienburg: German

police evacuated 10,000 people from homes, schools and public buildings in this town northwest of Berlin yesterday while experts defused a Second World War bomb. The 1,000lb bomb was found 9ft underground at a construction

the hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. which ended last week and linked President Mandela's former wife to at least six didn't see it immediately. It murders and numerous cases of torture, had forced its executive to back the ANC's chosen candidate, Jacob

> Zuma. But they had wanted to save face by announcing that the league had decided that it would not list anyone for the ANC deputy presidency. Mr Mapoena later withdrew his statement that Mrs Mandela, 63, had been dropped by the Women's League after a threat from many within the league's leadership that they would defy the party hierarchy and return her name to its list of

nominations. The debacle for Mrs Mandela represents a severe blow for her immediate political ambitions. But it also saves her from having to face an election which ANC sources said, she was bound to

lose badly. Mr Mandela, 79, will step down as party leader at the conference and Thabo Mbeki, Deputy President of the country and of the ANC, is the only candidate for the position.

#### **New Zealand woman** Premier sworn in

Wellington: Jenny Shipley was sworn in as New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister yesterday, and quickly promised a toughlove" approach to solving the country's social ills (Cathie Bell writes).

Mrs Shipley, 45, said after her swearing-in by Sir Michael Hardie Boys, the Governor-General, that she hoped

ently" with a woman in charge, and that her leadership might inspire young women to take on greater challenges. The new leader, who ousted

Jim Bolger as head of the National-New Zealand First coalition, said it was a relief to take over officially after a fiveweek transition period.



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# Santa hit by unruly yule

FROM CATHIE BELL IN WELLINGTON

SANTA CLAUS is nursing a black eye after being pelted with water bombs during a Christmas parade in Kaikohe. Playing Santa is a dangerous occupation in the small New Zealand town. Last year, he was petted with lollies by youths; he was also set upon and bombarded with eggs in the nearby town of Kaitaia. In

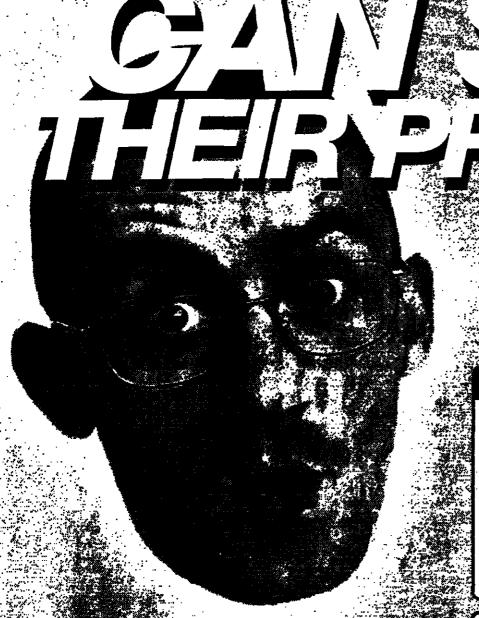
the most recent incident. Brian Brewerton, 61, a pharmacist, agreed to play Santa despite the occupational risks, accepting with reluctance.

Twenty minutes after the start he was struck by the first water bombs while riding on a fire engine. One bomb caught him off guard, hitting his right eye. "I was leaning into the bag to pick up some lollies when, whammo, I was caught from right field. I couldn't see. It was wildly painful and both my eyes were streaming." For the rest of the parade,

Mr Brewerton was unable to deliver any Christmas cheer. A day later, his eye socket was blackened and his eyeball red from burst blood vessels. Both Kaitaia and Kaikohe

are part of New Zealand's far north, an economically depressed area with unemployment.

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# Needy refugees 'abandoned by quick-fix West'

By Peter Capella in geneva and Michael Binyon

WESTERN countries, including Britain, have been accused of lacking the political courage to tackle the world's refugee crisis. Sadako Ogata, the United Nations High Commis-sioner for Refugees, said yesterday that the greatest powers were retreating from political or military involve-ment to solve conflicts", leaving humanitarian agencies to fill the gap.

At the launch of the

UNHCR's biennial report, she accused the West of leaving her office to struggle with the burden of 22 million refugees and internally displaced people because of their insistence on finding a quick fix to complex problems such as those in the Great Lakes and Zaire — regarded by Western diplomats as one of her agency's greatest disasters.

The report shows that in recent years Britain has taken the most severe line in Western Europe against asylum seekers. The proportion granted some form of protection in Britain dropped from a peak of SS per cent in 1989 to about

20 per cent last year. The West Like other Western restrictive policy brings Brit-ain into line with France and Germany. Britain yesterday insisted that it had "a warm heart for genuine refugees". Michael O'Brien, the Immigration Minister, said that many refugees were granted asylum and others were allowed to remain on compassionate grounds, even though they did not qualify under the terms of the 1951 Refugee

Convention.

He said that Britain would not become "a soft touch" for those seeking to abuse the asylum system. Migrants trying to evade immigration controls posed a particular problem. Those who sought to abuse the process were the worst enemies of genuine refugees because they undermined public support for the asylum

system, he said. Britain introduced tougher criteria for the admission of refugees after the number began rising sharply in the early 1990s. An increasing number were found to be seeking a better life in the

**Orders** trimmed for papal guards

Rome: The recruitment crisis facing the Swiss Guard, the Pope's personal protection force, has become so acute that the Vatican is reducing the height requirement for recruits (Richard Owen writes). "Now even midgets can join," Il Messaggero said. At present guards have to countries, Britain argued that be male, Swiss, Roman Cath-olic and 1.74m (5ft 8in) tall. Vatican officials said the rules for the guard, established 500

years ago, would not be formally changed, but "we will simply turn a blind eye to how tall or short they are". The main reason for the lack of recruits is the pay, which at £630 a month is considered "on the low side". Colonel Roland Buchs, the commanding officer, left at the end of last month when his contract expired, and has still not been replaced, even though the Vatican has been seeking a successor for more

than a year. The force consists of 120 men between the ages of 18 and 25, who are drawn from a handful of Swiss cantons, including Lucerne. The only occasion on which they have had to offer their lives in the service of a pontiff was during the sack of Rome in 1527. when all but 12 died with their backs to the Vatican.



A Swiss Guard takes the oath to protect the Pope in a 400-year-old ceremony

# Playing on the side of angels puts footballers in a higher league

THE Vatican City football team, the only national team that can (and does) boast that its players never foul or swear, is doing so well in the Italian five-a-side championship that it is setting its sights on international football, and perhaps ultimately, the World

Although it covers only 108 acres, the Vatican has a thriving football league behind its secretive high walls, with teams representing the Swiss Guards, the Secret Archive, the Vatican Police, the Palatine Guard, (which plays as St Peter and St Paul), the St Peters telephonists, the Vati- field a team, but according to

Vatican team has international

goal, writes Richard Owen

can firemen, Radio Vatican, Vatican Television (the Argonauts), the Vatican Bank (two teams - The Gladiators and the mysteriously named Team X), the Vatican Museums (again two teams - Hermes and Santos), the Vatican Accountants, and the Sant'Anna church, just inside the Vatican

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, used to

insiders the papal journalists have given up after a series of humiliating defeats. The Secret Archives, who have won eight games in a row, are currently top of the Vatican championships. Last time they played the Swiss Guards they beat them 10-0, and the Guards (who are facing a recruitment crisis) were so demoralised that they have

it had no obligation to accept

economic refugees. The pre-

vious Conservative Govern-

ment passed legislation with

new guidelines, in 1993 and

1996, intended to screen out

cised at the start of the Bosnian war for admitting so

few refugees and for insisting

that victims of "ethnic cleans-

ing" had to have visas, al-

though there was no consulate

in Bosnia from which they could be obtained. Britain ad-

mitted fewer than a fifth of

Germany.
The 20 states which are the

largest hosts for refugees, all

developing countries, are led

by Pakistan and Iran. The

Iranians provide shelter for

more than 2.5 million Afghan

and Iraqi refugees.

The number of recognised

refugees worldwide has started to fall in the past two

years. Mrs Ogata admitted

she would be cutting the size of

given refuge in

such asylum applications. Britain was strongly criti-

not played since. The Vatican national team,

internal league and called the Sistine, or SSS (Societa Sportiva Sistina), started playing in the Rome and Lazio fivea-side league this season. It has done so well against top sides (three games won, one lost and one drawn away) that there is talk of promotion to the Second Division and then the First Division.

"Give us another year and we'll be at the top of the five-aside league," said Saverio Di Poli, a former professional footballer who is now a typographer at the Vatican press, which prints the Pope's encyclicals and other Vatican documents. Professional footballers tend to acquire reputations as sinners rather than saints, for their off-field activities as much as for what they get up to on the pitch, but noted England internationals such as Gary Lineker, Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Stanley Matthews would undoubtedly qualify for a place in the side of the footballing angels, never having fallen foul of referees

in their playing careers.

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, is well known for his Christian beliefs, as is Gavin Peacock, the Queens Park Rangers forward nicknamed "the Reverend". Alan Comfort. the former Newcastle United and Darlington winger, has taken holy orders. Since there is no football field inside Vatican City -- the

available space is taken up by the magnificent papal gardens the players use a nearby pitch in Rome, just off the Via The Pope is said to take a

asks aides for detailed reports on the matches. He recently scolded the Swiss Guards team for doing so badly, saying they should "do better in matters of defence, both on the field and off it".

keen interest, and regularly

Roberto Di Stefano, the

assistant trainer, said the Vatican side had a "distinctive force - discipline. Sportsmanship and Christian values go hand in hand." He said the players "never let swear words pass their lips, either on the pitch or in the dressing room. and never perform malicious fouls". He said this amounted to a secret weapon, since the team's good nature, aplomb and impeccable manners left opposing players in a rage and put them off their stroke. Signor Di Stefano said any player "caught breaking the Second Commandment by swearing was taken off the team immediately.

**Peruvian** leader slips out of palace for love

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT FUJIMORI of Peru has revealed that he often sneaks past security guards and out of the back door of his presidential palace, in the centre of Lima, for "romantic esca-

Señor Fujimori, 60, described his night-time adventures during a South American cable television programme which was broadcast yesterday. He had invited the blonde presenter of Telenoticias, Antonelia Palazzo, and her film crew, on a tour of the colonial building where he lives and has his offices, showing them the bedrooms and even his wardrobe.

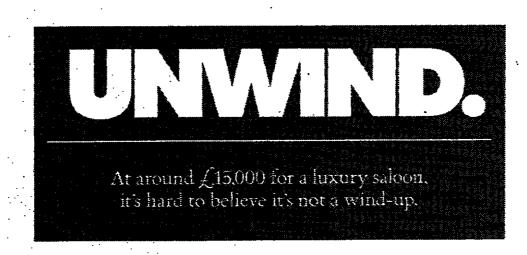
· "I have to slip out in secret so that I can have my romances in peace," Señor Fujimori said. "I run out through the back door and drive past the gates in a small car which is not so obvious."

He admitted that his Casanova-style escapades began after his marriage with Susana Higuchi, the mother of his three children, ended in divorce last

Señora Higuchi had ac-cused her husband of being involved in corrupt deals after the President ordered his security guards to remove her from the presidential home following a marital tiff in

"I am hoping to marry again by 1998 so I have to have time for my private visits," he added.

Señor Fujimori said that he had been a "late starter", experiencing his first kiss when 32. "It was with a German teacher I had, at the end of one of the



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# Arafat meets Islamic leaders in attempt to break peace deadlock

YASSIR ARAFAT, the Palestinian leader, received a red carpet welcome in Iran when he arrived for today's Islamic summit. The meeting is being hosted by the most vocal opponent of the Middle East peace process that has long branded him a traitor. After touching down at Tehran's Mehrabad airport, however, the man who shook hands with Yitzhak Rabin on the White House lawn was kissed on the cheeks by Iran's moderate new President, Muhammad Khatami.

A haggard-looking Mr Arafat. making his first visit in 15 years. told reporters "the whole region Michael Theodoulou in Tehran reports

on the conference of Muslim nations

will suffer confusion and anything could happen", if Rabin's successor as Israeli Prime Minister. Binyamin Netanyahu, failed to honour agreements to exchange land for peace. Amr Moussa, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, representing the first Arab country to make peace with Israel, also criticised "destructive" policies.

disillusionment, which reflects opinion across the Arab world, vindicates Tehran's opposition to the peace process. That stance is graphically illustrated by symbols such as the huge mural in the capital of Fathi Shkaki, the Islamic Jihad leader, who was assassinated by Israel after he masterminded a series of suicide attacks. Yet in general Iran has toned down its

Scuffles broke out when jittery Iranian security men prevented Mr Arafat's bodyguards from getting into the limousine to whisk him away from the airport where planes carrying princes, emirs and presidents were touching down every few minutes.

Iranian officials, worried that terrorists will attempt to disrupt the most important international gathering on their soil since the 1979 Islamic revolution, said no insult was intended. The deadmember Organisation of the Islamic Conference since it was formally established in 1971 to foster unity among the world's one million Muslims. A tough draft resolution prepared by foreign ministers calls for an end to normalisation with Israel to punish it for "reinstating"

an aimosphere of war".

Despite Iranian objections, however, the resolution expresses full support for the peace process and demands that Israel implement its obligations under American-bro-

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kered agreements. Western diplomate increased theirs. the summit to end with a display of Islamic unity, endorses any final resolution that even hints at normalisation with Israel.

Iranian hardliners and pragmatists alike ruled out any accommodation with Israel, although in strikingly different language. Iran's moderate Foreign Minister, Kamal Kharrazi, told reporters that his country could never establish ties with Israel, but added that Iran would not try to impose its

hardline newspaper, meanwhile called for the total abolition of the al-Quds [Jerusalem]-occupying regime". It concluded: "It is not possible to accept a country called Israel in the political geography of

the region." ☐ Iraqi plea: The most senior Iraqi to visit Tehran since the 1979 revolution arrived yesterday to plead his country's case against UN sanctions. Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan said he had a message from President Saddam Hussein. (Reuters)

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# Israel steps up plans for air attacks on Iran

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEL AVIV

ISRAEL is revamping military contingency plans to neutralise Iran's Russian-backed missile and nuclear weapon programme in the face of the failure of international diplomatic pressure to prevent Moscow giving vital

assistance to Tehran. Military planners are studying two main options - hitting Iranian missile plants in the cities of Shiraz, Kuramabad, Farhin and Semnan with the "long arm" of its airforce, or targeting foreign scientists at the facilities rather than the buildings themselves.

The chances of a "surgical" air strike similar to that launched against the Iraqi Osirak nuclear reactor 16 years ago, just weeks before it was due to "go critical", were boosted last month when Israel took delivery of the first of 25 advanced F151 fighter planes, part of a \$2.2 billion (£1.3 billion) order from America made specifically with Iran in mind. All the aircraft are due to be operational early in 1999.

Israel chose the plane over the Lockheed Martin Fl6, a cheaper aircraft, because of its longer range and ability to

believed to be capable of reaching Iran - nearly twice as far as Iraq — without refuelling, and delivering Il

tonnes of bombs and missiles. Israeli and US defence executives claim that the F151, which contains numerous Israeli sub-systems, is the most advanced fighter in production. It is based on the dualengine FISE which destroyed virtually all the planes lost by Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War.

Signalling Israel's intentions in public for the first time, Yitzhak Mordechai, the 'Defence Minister, told a recent conference in Israel on ballistic missiles: "The other side must know that Israel will not take it lightly if someone targets us with long-range missiles and threatens our nopulation."

Mr Mordechai, who yesterday became the first Israeli Defence Minister to visit Turkey, a country that is likely to prove a key factor in any pre-emptive strike on Iran, added: "A country like Iran possessing such long-range weaponry - a country that lacks stability, that is characterised by Islamic fundamentalism, by carry a bigger payload. It is an extremist ideology, that is

striving to become a super-power in the Middle East — is very dangerous."

According to Israel's Secret Wars, a book on the history of Israeli intelligence operations, Mossad secret agents are thought to have murdered German scientists working on an Egyptian rocket programme in the 1960s and an Egyptian metallurgist involved in 1980 on Iraq's nuclear effort.

But Benjamin Frankel, a political scientist who is editor of a Washington-based journal on strategic studies, says: "Missile technology is so widespread that Iran would always find new instructors."

Although Israeli sources insist that talk of a "military option" is still premature, patience within Binyamin Netanyahu's Government is fast running out. The sources said yesterday that, thanks to Moscow, Iranian Shahab-3 missiles with a range of i,300km (800 miles), capable of hitting Israeli targets. would be ready for use by

They added that if nothing were done, fran would be a nuclear power by 2005.



Palestinian children at a rally to mark the tenth anniversary of the intifada at the Islamic University in Gaza yesterday. The upris-ing against Israeli rule broke out in the Gaza Strip in 1987 and continued until 1994. Some students called for a jihad (holy war) against

#### Intifada commemorated

the occupation. The walls of university buildings were decked with the green flag of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and pic-tures of its spiritual leader,

cently released from an Isracli jail. The anniversary coincided with an Islamic feast day marking the Pro-phet Muhammad's ascen-sion. Protesters in Hebron waved banners reading "No

peace without prisoner releases" and "No peace without a settlement freeze". During the intifada, 1,306 Palestinians were killed by Israelis, 192 Israelis were killed by Palestinians, and 822 Palestinians, accused of collaboration, were killed in

#### **Militants** 'to halt attacks on tourists'

FROM REUTERS IN CAIRO

THE Egyptian Muslim militant group that claimed re-sponsibility for the massacre last month of 58 foreign tourists in Luxor said yesterday it would no longer target tourists in its battle to install an

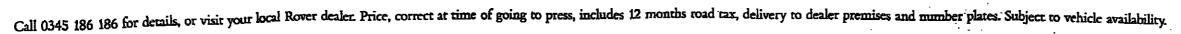
Islamic government.
"Gamaa al-Islamiya | Islamic Group] has decided to stop targeting either the tourism industry or foreign tourists." a taking this decision. Gamaa is displaying its sense of responsibility because it does not want this incident | the Luxor massacre], which we con-demn, to be used against us in our conflict with the Egyptian Government. Orders to this effect have been given to all our cells and all our members to prevent a recurrence of such mistake due to administrative and technical problems."

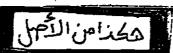
it said. Gamaa said its own investigation into the attack showed that young members had act-ed independently, indicating that the group lacked a central authority and had fragmented into smaller, more violent

elements. Ninety-two tourists have been killed in 25 attacks since 1992, many of which were claimed by Gamaa as a way to damage the lucrative tourism









# adlock ... Pacific warming kills thousands of mammal pups

ABY seals and sea lions, eprived of food by the oceanic arming of El Niño, the eather phenomenon, are ying by the thousand on islands off southern

alifornia. More than 6,000 pups have carved to death this breeding ione. There, and along the alifornian coast, the death are is expected to rise as adult males of both species are reced to roam long distances in cold water and food, reirning unable to support

lourists

neir young. News of the losses came as os Angeles began cleaning p after the year's first big El line storm drenched the city ith up to seven inches of rain ver the weekend. The storm poded mobile home parks nd the artists' enclave of aguna Beach, Orange Coun-, and brought traffic chaos to place unused to rain. Wildie, however, has so far borne re brunt of El Niño.

The worst-hit marine mamial colonies are on the beachof the Channel Islands lational Park, a unique archielago 50 miles west of Los ngeles that is home to the rgest populations of Califoria sea lions and northern fur als outside Alaska, Sciensts are maintaining a watchig brief, forbidden by law Giles Whittell

in Los Angeles reports on the

wildlife toll

of El Niño

from intervening in what so far appears to be a process of natural selection. Rescue efforts are under way by conservation groups on the mainland, however, where many consider the current severe El Niño pattern to be caused at least partly by man-made global warming.

Perched on the edge of the continental shelf, the Channel Islands usually give seals and sea lions easy access to shoals of herring, sardine and anchovy in cold ocean waters to the north and west.

In normal years a massive "cold water upwelling" also nourishes a kelp forest and vast blooms of krill, which in turn support migrating blue

The periodic warming of the Eastern Pacific, known as El Niño, has already brought freak numbers of tropical fish to US waters. The phenomenon has now been even more emaciated sea lion pups sucking in vain on their mothers'

teats and lying down to die. Of the 23,000 sea lions born this summer, 4,500 have so far died of malnutrition, according to Bob DeLong of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Their death rate is expected to rise fourfold to match the 75 per cent death rate among baby seals: 1,500 of the 2,000 northern fur seals born on San Miguel Island since June have died.

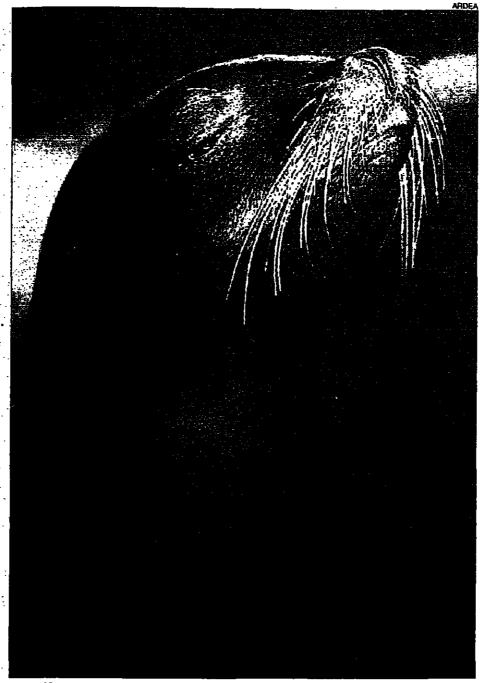
treaties have helped both species to thrive along America's West Coast since the 1950s, but experts fear that this year's El Nino, the worst on record, could wipe out an entire generation of adult females.

They've used up all their

International conservation

blubber on lactation." Mr DeLong told yesterday's Los Angeles Times. They've got no reserve energy and they're just going to go back in that same damned ocean. They're going to need to find cold water, and I think that's going to be hard,"

Manila: The International Committee of the Red Cross is making available between \$5.6 million (£3.3 million) and \$7.01 million to help countries, including Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, hit by El Niño. (AFP)



California sea lions can normally rely on vast shoals of cold water fish for food

# Gore vows to adopt flexible approach

BY NICK NUTTALL

AL GORE, the US Vice-President, yesterday promised the summit that America would be more flexible in the final days of the world climate negotiations. But some countries expressed dismay that he had failed to put a pledge for significant cuts in greenhouse

gases on the table. However, Mr Gore's hint of concessions did prompt a renewed spirit of optimism among negotiators. Late last the European Union, America and Japan were locked in talks to break the deadlock.

America's uncompromis ing position had put it at loggerheads with the rest of world. Mr Gore said: "After burning up the phone lines to President Clinton and talking to negotiators here this morning, I have instructed the US delegation, right now, to show increased flexi-

There was speculation that America was prepared to raise its offer to a 5 per cent cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2010. It had been sticking to a stabilisation target derided by green groups and governments as going no further than voluntary targets set in Rio in 1992.

Mr Gore reiterated America's view, supported by Britain, that developing countries must signal a willingness to join the fight against global warming by signing up to emission cuts early in the 21st century. The American Congress has made clear it will refuse to ratify the Kyoto protocol unless that happens.

Yesterday John Prescott.

the Deputy Prime Minister,

said that European nations

which had former colonial ties with Third World countries were using telephone diplomacy to win them round. John Gummer, the former British Environment Minister, said Britain would stabilise emissions at 1990 levels by 2000. It has voluntarily agreed to cut pol-

lution 20 per cent by 2010.

#### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

### **Russian Premier** praises crash crew

Irkutsk: Visiting the ruins of a block of flats where 65 people were killed by a crashing jet, the Russian Prime Minister absolved the pilots of any blame and praised the dead crew for doing all they could to prevent an even greater disaster.

Viktor Chernomyrdin cited "technical reasons" for the shutdown of two of the Antonov-124's four engines seconds after it had taken off in the Siberian city of Irkutsk. "In that situation, the pilots obviously did their best, turning away from the central part of the residential area, "he said. Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, an adviser to President Yeltsin, said the aircraft's black box instrument recorders revealed that the crash had been caused by the failure of two engines. (AP)

#### Stalemate in Serbia poll

Belgrade: Serbia's Radical and Socialist parties have conceded that there was no outright winner in Sunday's presidential election, and that a run-off will be needed later this month in a fourth attempt to elect a successor to Slobodan Milosevic (Tom Walker writes). A turnout of just over 50 per cent of the electorate reflected a growing indifference towards Serbia's political leaders and its flawed constitutional system.

#### Chechen warlord promoted

Moscow: Shamil Basayev, the Chechen warlord who humiliated the Russian Army by kidnapping an entire village in southern Russia during the Chechen war of independence, has become the de facto prime minister of the breakaway republic. President Maskhadov, who has been both President and Prime Minister since his election in January, has handed over the post of Cabinet leader to Mr Basayev, the Interfax news agency reported. (AFP)

#### Turkey seeks lifeline to EU

Istanbul: Mesut Yilmaz, Turkey's Prime Minister, arrives at Downing Street today in search of a lifeline to an enlarged European Union (Andrew Finkel writes). Mr Yilmaz is visiting Tony Blair before this weekend's European Council meeting in Luxembourg in which EU prime ministers will consider how to deal with the accession of Cyprus and ten countries of the former Eastern bloc. The issue of Turkey's possible membership threatens to hijack the summit.

#### Bobbitt's ex-wife charged

Washington: Lorena Gallo, right. the Ecuadorean manicurist who as Lorena Bobbitt grabbed the inter-national spotlight by cutting off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife, was last night charged with assaulting her mother (Tom Rhodes writes). In 1994, Ms Gallo was found not guilty by reason of temporary insanity of assaulting her husband, John Wayne Bobbitt, a former bouncer and Marine. The couple have since separated.



#### War criminal gets 20 years

Osijek. Croatia: A Yugoslav citizen was found guilty yesterday of war crimes during the 1991 Serb rebellion in Croatia and sentenced to 20 years in prison, the state-run Hina news agency reported. Ivica Vuletic, from Pancevo, Yugoslavia, was convicted by a district court in Osijek, 112 miles east of Zagreb, of war crimes against civilians, prisoners of war and patients while in the Yugoslav Army. (AP)

#### 15 die in tower block fire

Jakarta: At least 15 people died when fire engulfed the top floors of a new 26-storey tower block in Indunesia's central bank complex here. The mainly unoccupied tower was being completed to house staff of the central bank. Bank Indonesia. Helicopters lifted four people from a rooftop helipad on the damaged building. The cause of the fire, which started on the 23rd floor, was not immediately known. (Reuters)

#### Belly dancer sues envoy

Tel Avīv: An Israeli belly dancer has filed a \$290,000 (£181\_250) suit for attempted rape against Egypt's long-serving ambassador. Mohamed Bassiouny is accused of luring the woman to an Israeli doctor's apartment and assaulting her. Police dropped charges against the envoy. who threatened to resign if the dancer filed a suit. (AFP)

# Pacific islanders plead to save atolls

FROM NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN KYOTO

HE leader of a small Pacific land pleaded yesterday with ie world to draft tough reets to curb global warmig to save his tiny republic um "a rising flood of biblical roportions"

Kinza Clodumar, President the Republic of Nauru, said

his country, along with other low-lying islands globally, faced catastrophe from rising sea levels. He said rich countries that failed to support big cuts in greenhouse gases would be committing "genocide" by allowing cultures such as Nauru's to disappear

beneath the waves. The 10,000 people on the island, which grew rich on phosphate minng, face a nightmarish future. Professor Jackson Davis, scientific and environment adviser to the Nauru Govern-

ment, said yesterday that mining had left the interior, which stands less than 50ft above sea level, desolate and uninhabitable. Much of the damage was done by British and Australian companies which mined the island before independence in 1968. Professor Davis, of the

Santa Cruz, said that all that remained of the once lush forests and grassy glades of the interior were 8½ sq miles of columns or "tombstones" of fossilised coral left behind after the extraction of

phosphates.
"All the people live on the lower fringe, one metre above sea level, and just 100 to 200 metres wide," he said. Scientists predict that dur-

ing the next century sea levels could rise by up to 2ft and that hurricanes and storm surges will increase because of global

warming. Professor Davis said that the people of Nauru, who once had the second highest income per capita in the world after the United Arab Emirates, refused to leave their homeland despite

the dire forecasts. The Naurans had drafted a radical plan to use topsoil stockpiled on the island to rehabilitate the interior to create "a garden of Eden again". He said the islanders had the funds to pay for the project but added that the scheme could take 100 years to produce a habitable

which the Naurans could re-

treat, which might be too late. Pollution from oil and coal in the developed nations was already melting the Antarctic ice sheets and triggering droughts and fires across Australia and South-East Asia. "Sea levels in the Pacific are rising ten times faster than the predicted rate," he said.

Professor Davis said groups such as the Global Climate Coalition, a front for the US oil and coal lobby, needed "to see through the dollar and their own narrow vested interests".

Lauren Bacall and Bob Dylan at the Kennedy Centre Honours

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#### Senators and congressmen heed call to salute Dylan FROM LAN BRODLE

THE times were indeed a-changin' as Bob Dylan was saluted by the Washington establishment with a

IN WASHINGTON

prolonged standing ovation. President Clinton bestowed a medal for lifetime achievement in the performing arts on Dylan, 56, the folk-rock singer who was an icon to the civil rights and anti-war

"He probably had more impact on people of my generation than any other creative artist," Mr Clinton said. "His voice and lyrics haven't always been easy on the ears, but

throughout his career Bob Dylan has never aimed to please." The musician seemed shy and awkward in the spotlight. He had to be coerced to smile for photographers, with scant success, by Lauren Bacall, the film

Bacali was a fellow recipient of this year's Kennedy Centre Honours, a fundraising ceremony that has grown into America's leading event for recognising distinction in film. theatre, music and dance. There are long waiting lists for the tickets, which cost up to \$1,250 (£750).

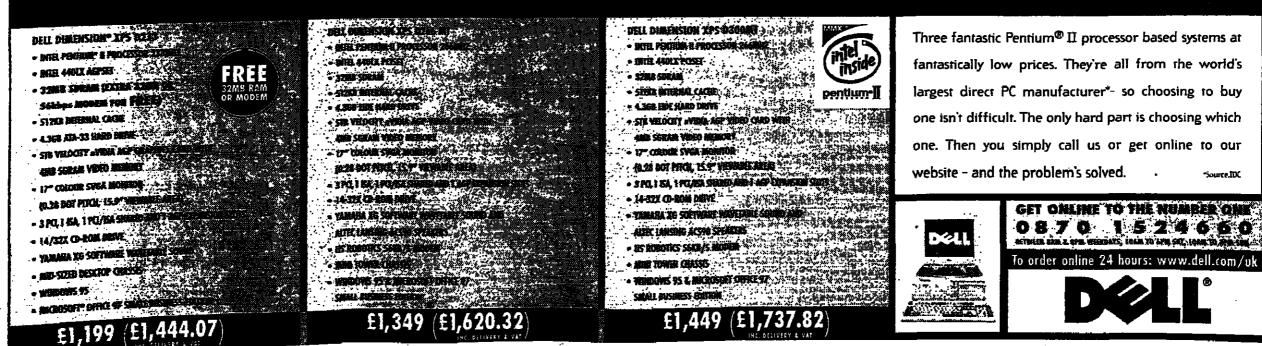
Almost as unexpected as seeing Dylan in such company was to find him sharing the stage with another

Hollywood veteran who is a prominent advocate of the right to bear arms and a vice-president of the National Rifle Association. The other recipients were Jessve Norman, the opera singer, and Edward Villella. who founded and directs the Miami

City Ballet. Even Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker of the House, burbled about "the sheer magic" for everyone of his generation that the nation was finally recognising Dylan. But seeing the singer in a dinner jacket prompted Michael Kinsley, editor of the online magazine. Slate, to proclaim: "That's it. The Sixties are over."



# Three tough choices. One easy call.



# The fear that can stop men seeking treatment

As part of The Times Christmas appeal for research into prostate cancer. Anjana Ahuja and Dr Thomas Stuttaford report on its treatment

reatments for prostate cancer depend largely on the stage at which the disease is caught. If detected early enough, and experts are reasonably confident that the cancer is confined to just the prostate gland, a total prostatectomy (often called a radical prostatectomy) is thought to be the best option. This involves the removal of the whole gland; the bladder and the urethra are then stitched together.

However, it is a major operation carrying substantial risks, and the dangers are magnified for older patients. Overall, there is a 1 per cent chance of dying on

the operating table, and a 50 to 70 per cent chance of impotence. There is a slight risk (5 per cent) of incontinence, although most experts agree that the risk varies according to the surgeon.

The advantage of the operation is that removal of the gland stops the cancer spreading. However, no doctor can be sure that the disease hasn't spread outside the prostate

- in just under one out of three prostatectomies, the gland is shown to be cancerous around the edge. This implies that the tissue left behind has a good chance of harbouring the disease. In one out of eight patients who have prostatectomies, the cancer resurfaces.

out early, localised cancers, many men will simply not opt for it because it is likely to end their sex lives. Dr Clare Movnihan, a sociologist at the Institute of Cancer Research, says: "There is no doubt that some men will decide not to have major surgery because they don't want to lose their potency. We can understand that, because it is such a large part of one's life. But it is anecdoral evidence. I don't know of any scientific studies." Robert Shearer, consultant urologist at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, says older men are more likely to be put off than younger men, who may have seen older relatives in the advanced stages of prostate cancer. "If they are in their forties, they have more to gain from getting rid of a condition that may cause them serious trouble in the next five to ten years." Mr Shearer adds that many men do not realise that there is a treatment available for impotence, which involves an injection into the penis about 15 minutes before intercourse. The treatment does not compromise sexual enjoyment, but men have to get used to a "dry or-

Men don't want to lose their potency

for patients whose can-cer has spread beyond the prostate. In those cases, they will be prescribed a six-week course of X-ray radiotherapy. There are still serious side-effects; one in three men having radiation therapy will become impotent. There can be bleeding in the rectum and bladder, but incontinence is rare.

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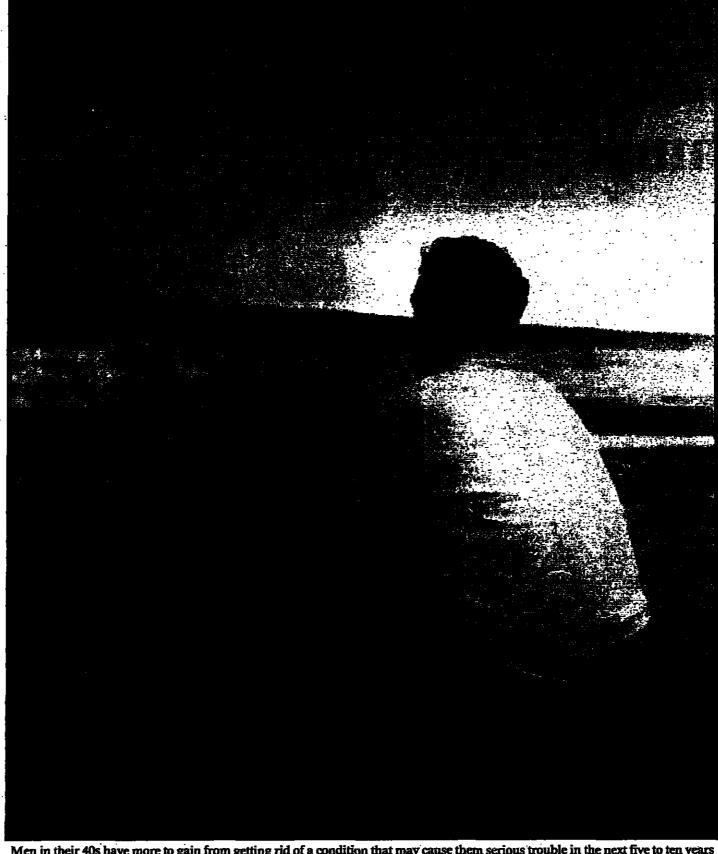
A prostatectomy is

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no ejaculation.

Another line of attack is to suppress or block the effects of testosterone, a treatment to which the majority of cancers respond. In rare cases, the testes can be removed, in an orchidectomy. However, less radical approaches ing a small pellet underneath the skin of the abdomen once every three months. There is a downside - both orchidectomies and the pellets result in impotence and loss of libido. There are hormone tablets that do not have such severe effects, but they are much less efficient at tackling tumours.

Generally, side-effects include hot flushes, muscle weakness and lapses in concentration. But patients' responses vary enormously, says Dr David Dearnaley, a spe-



Men in their 40s have more to gain from getting rid of a condition that may cause them serious trouble in the next five to ten years

cialist in prostate cancer treatments at the Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden Hospital, in London. He says: "Some men don't notice they are on treatment, but other patients find hormone treatments intolerable." A twopronged attack, combining hormone therapy and radiation, can increase the success rate of radio-

Brachytherapy — a controversial treatment, also known as seed therapy or interstitial radiotherapy. in which tiny radioactive pellets are inserted into the prostate - is gaining credibility. Between 50 and 120 pellets, each as small as a grain of rice, are fed through hollow needles, via the scrotum, into the prostate. The pellets, either radioactive iodide or radioactive palladium, deliver radiation gradually over a period of months. "For

patients with small cancers, it's a one-off outpatient treatment that takes about 45 minutes," says Dr Kent Wallman, who works with Dr John Blasko at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr Blasko is widely credited with pioneering this innovative treatment.

The technique depends on right place; surgeons use ultrasound scanning to guide the pellets to their destination. The advantages are that radiation is targeted more precise ly, and it offers a lower incidence of impotence (30 per cent) than radical prostatectomies. "In the right hands, it is a very good form of

treatment," says Dr Dearnaley. But brachytherapy remains controversial, especially in America. Dr Wallman says: "We are in direct conflict with surgeons who offer

their business away. But our data holds up, and we have results going back ten years. "Small cancers have an 80 per

cent chance of being cured, and larger cancers have a 50-50 chance of being cured. By cure, I mean a PSA level of less than one for five years. There aren't many major believe this is one of them. Other forms of radiotherapy,

using protons or neutrons, have been tested. Protons are positively charged particles, while neutrons carry no charge; both are found in the nuclei of atoms. While X-rays carry energy but have no mass, the particles carry mass and energy.

The advantage over X-rays. Dr Dearnaley says, is that once the particles penetrate tissue, they will travel a certain distance and then stop. This allows doctors to deposit

prostatectomies because we take the particles in a precise location. Xrays lose their energy as soon as they enter tissue, so by the time the beam reaches its target, it has weakened. For this reason, overlap-

ping X-ray beams are used.

The precision means there are fewer side-effects, but the drawback is that the machines which generate neutrons and protons are extremely expensive. Dr Dearnaley says: "At a rough guess, you could buy ten X-ray machines for the cost of one proton machine."

Research has focused on refining the X-ray treatment. One promising area is conformal radiotherapy, where the X-ray beam is shaped according to the target area. This allows a bigger, more accurately targeted dose, minimising damage to healthy tissue. Dr Dearnaley will be studying the technique on 450 men over three years in a study for the Medical Research Council.

### **Drugs** to cure the blues

THERE are between five and million people in the Unite Kingdom who have suffered from severe, disabling depression. On in ten of the medicine chests Britain will therefore probab contain a bottle which has, or h had, in it a prescribed an depressant. Charles Medawar, in paper on modern anti-depressai in the International Journal Risk and Safety in Medicine, h worried many of those who ha taken anti-depressants, particula ly if the drug prescribed was a 5H reuptake inhibitor such as Proza Could they, they have been askin become addicted like a hero addict, or dependent as some ha become on tranquillisers? Medawar had suggested that the 5HT reuptake inhibitors could as addictive as benzodiazepines.

Mr Medawar's expertise is consumer protection and litigation about the side-effects of prescribe drugs. He's too young to have see the revolution that followed th introduction of the first effects anti-depressant tricyclics. Patien who had been crippled by the depression were able to resur their place in the family.

Tricyclic anti-depressants, su as Tofranil imipramine, Tryptize amitriptyline and Prothiade

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DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

dothiepin, take two or three week to become effective. They tend be very sedative, which may be useful but can make work difficul they produce a shake, make pas ing urine difficult (which can b disastrous for older men), they blu the vision and exacerbate glauce ma, cause unsteadiness on the fe and occasionally cause heart prolems. In overdosage they a dangerous as there is no effectiv antidote. If these anti-depressan are effective within three to fou weeks, the patient becomes mor alert and active, feelings of gloor and hopelessness lift, and slee and appetite are restored. Som patients need to continue wit their treatment, but about 90 pe cent can tail it off after six month A tetracyclic anti-depressar Ludiomil has fewer cardiac side effects and is less upsetting to th

eyes or bladder. Most doctors feel that the 5H reuptake inhibitors, such drugs a Prozac fluoxetine, Seroxa Faverin fluvoxamine, are safe than the tricyclics as they don cause so much sedation and ar not toxic to the heart. They ar much safer in overdosage an their effect, if they are to prov effective, shows more quickly. Th 5HT reuptake inhibitors are also arguably, somewhat more efficien than anti-depressants and hav other uses such as the treatment of panic attacks, obsessive compu sive disorders, and may be helpfo in a wide variety of other person ality troubles. Reuptake inhibitor have the disadvantage that the can cause restlessness, abdomina discomfort, tremors and loss libido. The 5HT reuptake inhib tors have been joined by a NASSA a noradrenaline selective serot nin anti-depressant Zispi mirtazapine which, it is claimedoesn't produce the restlessness the Prozac-type drugs.

ANOTHER group of anti-depresants, the MAOIs, have been available for 30 or 40 years and ar useful in anxious depressives, bu taking them involves considerable dictary limitation.

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# A hidden killer that can strike without warning

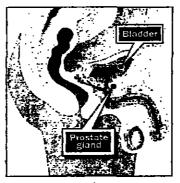
Prostate cancer is a hidden disease because the gland lies between the base of the bladder and rectum and can be reached only by a doctor's probing finger. Its initial symptoms, if there are any, usually cause no inconvenience. Indeed, 75 per cent of patients with the disease do not seek a medical opinion until the cancer has spread beyond the

The two cancers in my prostate produced no symptoms. I never needed to urinate at night and never had to rush to the lavatory. The presence of the tumours was suspected only because of a raised PSA, a blood test that indicates cancer may be present. It was

Had I waited for symptoms to develop. I would have had an 80 per cent chance of dying, whatever treatment was prescribed thereafter.

When the tumour is apparently confined to the gland, its lack of spread has to be confirmed by a scan of the pelvis and a whole body bone scan. Most doctors think the choice of treatment then lies between surgery and radiotherapy. Alas, in 50 per cent of the cases operated on the tumour is more advanced than was expected after the preliminary tests.

The operation that can clear the cancer from the body is a radical ostatectomy, but it is not suitable in all cases. There must be no sign of spread and the patient must be under 70 and fit enough for major surgery. The mortality rate is low and associated mainly with pulmo-nary embolism — blood clots spreading from the veins in the leg to the lung. In an American study



of L000 patients, only two died. But while the operation is common in the US, as many as 12 per cent of patients have a vein thrombosis in the legs, and up to 5 per cent have post-operative pulmonary emboli. Incontinence and impotence have also given the operation a bad

name. Even in the best hands as many as a third of patients may be incontinent once the catheter has been removed. Most of these patients regain complete, or almost complete, control of their bladder within four or five months. More than 50 per cent are impotent after radical surgery. Another reason for the opposi-

tion to radical prostatectomy in Britain is that it would increase the demand for the operation. Not only is it very expensive, but we would not have enough trained surgeons demand suddenly increased. Even skilled urologists who con-stantly perform other operations may lack the necessary technique, while some anaesthetists may not have the temperament or experience to deal with these cases. Moreover, many hospital trusts lack the cash, personnel and the-

atre time to enable the operation to become a standard NHS procedure. Radiotherapy is recommended for patients whose tumour has spread only locally, or for those not fit enough for radical surgery. The former can have results similar to the latter, even though the cancer is not always eradicated. But radiotherapy can have complications; surrounding tissue may be burnt, or impotence and incontinence car

occur, even years after treatment. Radiotherapy can be in the form of an external beam or may involve implantation of radioactive materi al. In Britain no radiotherapy unit uses both X-ray and neutron rays in external beams, whereas in some US and European centres doctors say that by using both forms of radiation, they may rid the gland of malignant cells as effectively as with radical surgery.

The search is now on to find a way to render these turnours hor-monally dependent. Gene therapy could play a part in future treat-ment, and other work has been carried out in the US and at St George's Hospital, London on the development of a vaccine that may limit the growth in advanced cases.

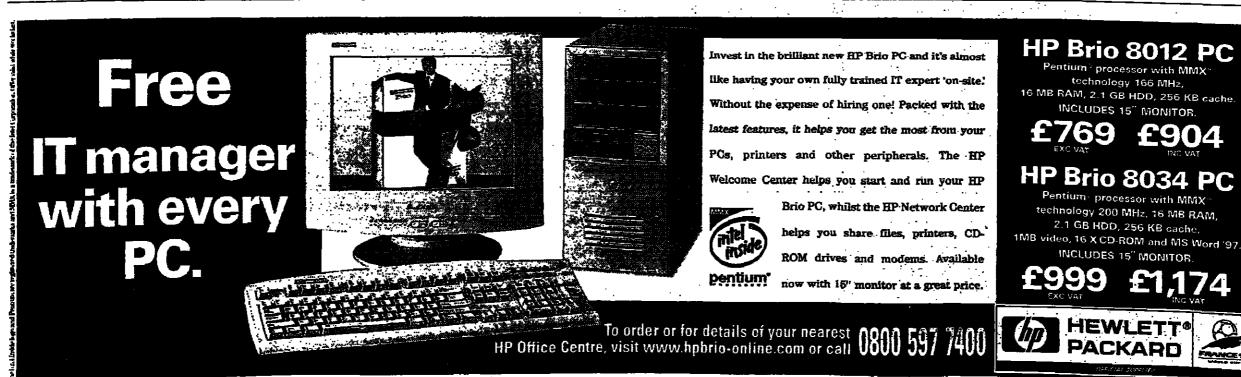
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# How James Bond became cool

again, James Bond has been reinvented for a new generation and he is more fashionable than ever, says Jason Cowley

ou can say many things about James Bond. You can say, as Kingsley Amis did. that he is a "latter-day Byron", a suave, sardonic quintessentially British adventurer: that he is, as his creator lan Fleming put it, a romantic "man of war". You can agree with Garth Pearce, head of the James Bond Fan Club, that most men secretly want to be him - at least for a day"; or with Judi Dench's M. who mocks him in GoldenEye for being a "sexist, misogynist dinosaur, a relic of the Cold

You can even call him, to echo one critic of Dr No, the first in what has become the most successful film series in the history of cinema, a masty upper-class thug". But what you cannot do, not if you are one of the two and a half billion moviegoers who have seen one of his films, is ignore him - or deny his importance as a popular cultural icon of vital influence

For Bond is back, again and this time he is more fashionable than at any period since Sean Connery played the role, from Dr No in 1962 to Diamonds Are Forever in 1971. Tonight's world premiere of Tomorrow Never Dies, the 18th official Bond film and easily the most convincing since Roger Moore's debut in Live and Let Die (1973), coincides with a remarkably sustained revival of interest in all 🕽 things Bond.

The Internet offers a preponderance of Bond web sites, for which no assorted cultural ephemera is too small - from the number of Bond girls killed in films (20) to listings of favourite gadgets (mine remains the ejector seat, the perfect mechanism for dispatching an irritating girlfriend). Some of the most innovative acts in contemporary pop have recorded Shaken and Stirred (in homage to how Bond likes his vodka manini). a tribute album of Bond theme tunes. The technoband Her Majesty's Secret Service was a recent Top 10. There can be few people in the English-speaking world incapable of humming at least one

the title songs," says the ck journalist Andrew Smith. Magazines such as Esquire have caught the mood, producing special editions celebrating the louche lifestyle of 007: his reckless promiscuity. his decadence. And many student night clubs host their own Bond theme nights, encouraging clubbers dress as

their favourite characters. As York Membery, professional Bond-watcher and author of a biography of Pierce Brosnan. puts it: "James Bond is seriously cool again. With Brosnan in the role, he has been reinvented for a new generation."

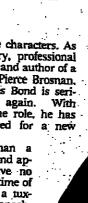
decade ago Bond appeared to have no future. In the time of Aids, he was a tuxedo-wearing anach-ronism a frivolous playboy. The closing films of the Roger Moore era — For Your Eyes Only. Octopussy, A View to a Kill - were poorly received, marred by their arch knowing-

Moore's ham jokes. His last appear ance as Bond, in A View to a Kill, was especially comic: a geriatric 007, overweight, his hair thinning and startlingly unathletic. Here was Bond as hollow selfparodist. It was a travesty of the origi-

with their dark glamour and an original novel:

lish Shakesperean actor Timothy Dalton, although darkly handsome and talented, strug-gled to relax into the role. "It was as if," says Membery, "he felt that playing Bond was beneath his considerable talents, as if he were slumming it. His two Bonds, Living Daylights and A Licence to Kill, could not compete with a new generation of high concept, blue collar action heroes, like Bruce Willis and Mel Gibson. If the series was to survive, something had to be done and that something was Brosnan, who clearly relishes being Bond. You can see it in the way he delivers the

ritics have spoken of the dangerous empti-ness of the Bond films, and of their patriarchal worldview and vulgar politics. But this is to misread them; for much of the appeal of Bond comes precisely from the fact that he is unbelievable. With his fast cars and gadgets, his casual and indestructible strength, 007 carries the force of popular fantasy. As the cultural critic Peter Conrad



Yet less than a ness of tone and by

nal films of the 1960s,

scripts faithful to Fleming's fiction - The Man with the Golden Gun (1977) was the first Bond not to be based on Moore's successor, the Eng-

> or one of his many girls? Every fan of Bond has a favourite moment frozen in his or her memory: Diana Rigg skiing in the Swiss Alps in On Her Majesty's Secret Service, a dripping Ursula Andress ocean with a knife strapped to her bikini in Dr No; Roger Moore (or more accurately stunt man Rick Svivester) ski-

The Spy Who Loved Me. The films themselves are cannily self-subverting, a collage of camp in-jokes and wry innuendo. You are urged not to take them seriously. Tomorrow Never Dies reintroduces during the Dalton years; but never lapses into the selfparody of late Moore.

jumping off a 3,000ft cliff in



Christopher Lee, left, and Roger Moore

the narrative. I watched it at a

private press view yesterday

morning, yet still the audience

was applauding the more

the usual formula of a

meglomaniac, this time a

media tycoon, whose dreams

of global domination are belat-

edly thwarted by Bond; but

there are important and subtle

differences. In the post-Cold

War world, the new enemy is global terrorism; and in the

Aids era, casual sex is reduced

to a perfunctory minimum.

The voluptuous, sexually

complicit babe of past films

has also been replaced by a

Michelle Yeoh, who plays a

Chinese spy easily the equal of

Bond for cunning and brav-

ery. And Bond has, a little uncoolly, become a resolute

non-smoker, as has everyone

post-feminist Bond girl,

this instance Malaysian

The film faithfully follows

outlandish stunts and quips.

For a start, the script is much sharper, and the action scenes have a stark quality of balletic hallucination. The Irish-born Brosnan is well cast as Bond. He combines the danger and athleticism of Connery with the worldliness of the young Moore, who in manner and appearance was arguably closest to Fleming's own model.

Brosnan becomes unconvincing only when he has to run fast, and when he removes his shirt; he may have a blanket of dark chest hair, but he has none of the muscular authority of Connery, of what Albert "Cubby" Broccoli, the late father of the Bond series. called his "animal magnetism which drew males as well as

Watching Tomorrow Never Dies is a bit like being caught up in a rush-hour crowd: you are swept along by the force of

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like Connery's 007.

Brosnan offers, too, a more vulnerable, humane Bond, one capable of expressing grief and fatigue. In one scene, he lies beside the murdered body of a former lover, humbled by suffering. It is the saddest scene in any Bond picture since the assassination of his one and only wife, played by Diana Rigg, at the end of the underrated On Her Majesty's Secret Service.

in the film, not a 60-a-day man

Connery described playing joke, a challenge. I don't think a single role changes a man so much."The actor may change, but the character remains gloriously unchanging. That is why the title of the new film so resonates - because for Bond tomorrow can never die. He has journeyed beyond death and fashion, entering his own perpetual present of romance and adventure. Time will never wither him. nor diminish

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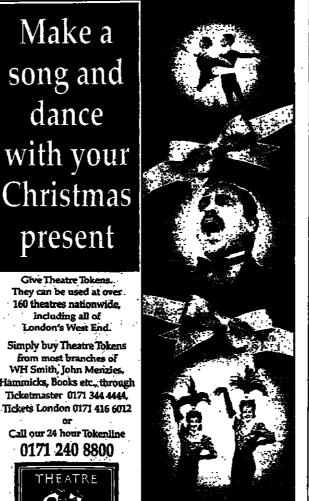
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# Stand up to high-tech blackmail

Anatole Kaletsky explains why your children don't need a new computer

t is tempting, but don't do it. The children may be screaming "more, newer, faster". The building society windfall may be burning a hole in your pocket; the plastic box may even look quite alluring; but before you buy a new computer, stop and take a

deep breath.

Think how much you could buy for £1,199, £1,499, or even £2,299. Think how many books, bicycles, videos, holidays, paint-sets, cricket bats, dresses, trainers, Nintendo games, theatre tickets or trips to Disneyland (not to mention donations to Save the Children) are represented by all those thousands of pounds.

People who would not dream of bowing to their child's demand for a £500 mountain bike, who feel they cannot afford a piano, and who think they are too poor for a season ticket to the opera, lose all sense of proportion when it comes to paying for computers. The obvious expla-nation for this bizarre behaviour, at least at Christmas, is that parents will do almost anything to improve their children's educational

They are dupes for the hype about information technology because most of them know nothing about computers

Parents are and because comsimply puters are vaguely connected with dupes about mathematics, electrons, bulging artifiinformation cial brains, whitecoated boffins and technology robots. Much the same could, of

course, once have been said of crystal radio kits and chemistry sets. But computers have three enormous advantage over all previous scientific

First, they are seen as purveyors of fun (at least by children), rather than of education. Secondly, they offer instant gratification (at least when they work), instead of the delayed gratification which Max Weber and the essential feature of the puritan work ethic. Finally, computers are associated with something even more attractive than science fiction and brains; that something is

money. Everyone knows that the world's richest man (Bill Gates, of Microsoft) is involved in making computers and many punters may have the vague intuition that computers have produced more billionaires than any other product in the 1990s. (In fact, glancing through the annual lists of the world's richest people published in Forbes Magazine and The Sunday Times, it is tempting to speculate that in the financial booms and busts of the next decade, computers may play the same role as property in the 1970s, oil in the 1980s and Japan in

the 1990s.) But even if we accept that the unusual combination of science, fun, money and instant gratification does offer a prima facie case for buying children computers, the original question remains unanswered: why are people prepared to spend so much? It is not as if a computer has to cost £2,000 or £1,000. In America, where a price war has broken out among the leading suppliers, the public has developed a much more sophisticated understanding of how to use computers, machines for domestic use now typically sell for less than \$1,000 — equivalent to 5600 before Vat. The next big step in the industry's development is going to be the introduction of stripped-down "network com-puters" (or NCs), designed to cost around \$500 (or £300) and to perform more reliably than today's PCs by taking their programmes and information

from the Internet. Even in technologically backward Britain it is already quite possible to buy a serviceable computer, capable of performing every important educational and small-business function - including word processing, spread-sheet analysis and Internet communication — for £600 or £700. Why, then, do most people spend two, three or four times as much?

Some customers are presumably so rich that the odd ly irrelevant. There is also a pervasive ethic of using mo-

nopoly power to keep prices as high as possible for as long as possible throughout the computer industry, from the chip manufacturers and software writers to the manufacturers of spare parts.

For most people,

however, the pressure to buy the newest, fastest and biggest computer probably comes from the children. It is the children who want MMX technology to improve the quality of animated pictures, who insist on hi-fi stereo sound to turn their computers into discos, and who demand advanced graphics cards to play computer games. The question is: why any sensible parent, motivated by a desire to help his child's submit to the brat's whims?

It stands to reason that the more advanced the computer. the less likely it is to be used for educational purposes. After all, the more a computer resembles an arcade entertainment machine, the more it will be used for imaginary car chases and war games.

child who wants to use a computer to write and lillustrate stories, or to play games that develop arithmetical and verbal skills, does not need three-dimensional animated graphics and earsplitting sound. Of course the child may enjoy such optional extras. But are blazing sound, graphics and animated cartoons'more likely to help your child to concentrate, or to distract him or her from any rational thought?

But one of the most interesting rakings-down of inequality is the If you want to entertain your Government's sneaky assault on children, take them to Disneyland, or put them in lottery funds. Some are horrified, but front of the TV set. If you want not me: it was high time it happened. The workings of the original 1993 legislation — designed for a far smaller fund — have been getting sillier and sillier. In the early days of them to do learn useful computer skills, buy them the cheapest possible computer. Or better still, why not spend the system, when all over the nation the same money on a few once-proud charities and institutions



# It could be us, at last

From benefit payments to the lottery, pips squeaking? A thin. uncertain squeak so far, but the first faint signs of common sense nonetheless a strangely cheering noise. Perhaps we did, after all, elect a Labour Government. The rake of socialism is starting to level were learning to master the black art of panhandling for money to unelected committees, I observed that a out the sandpit of prosperity, albeit with a light hand. Some of us were starting to worry that it never might, Martian would find this very puzand that the sandpit would be left to the same dreadful old alley-cats as

"Surely," he would say, waggling his green, luminous horns in perplexity, "if this money is for the good of all, it should be administered by the elders you have elected to govern? before, the sly, fat moggies whose scratching strips some patches bare, and builds high malodorous mounds of money in well-guarded corners. After all the cosying-up to big business and the cavalier willingness The ones who look after all the other shared money?" to cut single mothers' benefits, we parlour-socialists were starting to At the time, the problem was how

wonder what sort of cat we had let out

of the bag in May.

But now we are uplifted by the

squeaking sound of affluent Sunday-

press commentators saying that a cap

on tax relief is "cheating savers", and

ski-suited mothers in four-wheel

drive runabouts walling about their child benefit Attaboy, Gordon! Go,

perks from our grasping middle-class

fingers, and direct them firmly

towards the poor and towards the

infrastructure that we all share. I for

one am sick of being given £80 20p a

month which I do not need while in

this rich nation there are children

who never see a piece of fresh fruit up

Of course there are borderline cases: if child benefit is to be taxed or

(better, in my case) removed, a cautious, gradualist approach is es-

sential. But on the whole it is right to

return to the notion of welfare as a safety-net to prevent tragedy, and to

combine that old idea with the newer

one that it should stop poverty

being perpetuated by making sure

that children born in its depths are

given the ladders to climb out. Give

us real welfare, that salves disaster

and builds for the future; not the kind

which doles out tax breaks and

unsolicited handouts to the sleek.

close, and whose classrooms leak.

to explain to the Martian just how we felt about an unpopular and exhausted Government, operating in a miasma of sleaze and mistrust and scarred by expensive disasters such as ERM and the poll tax. The way we felt then, trust-

new money would

have felt like appointing Sweeney Todd to the Food Safety Agency. But now things are different. Although the vagaries of suffrage mean that Mr Blair has not a true majority — no Government has had, lately — his administration still enjoys high regard in opinion polls, and has no serious disgraces to atone for (yet). It follows that the Martian is right: the lottery boards, admirable though their members no

doubt are, may well have had their There is a limit to the number of high-tech stadia, supertheatres, palatial clubhouses and gussied-up concert halls that one small nation can hold. Besides, the limits on the nature of lottery spending mean that already some of these buildings seem doomed to have nobody to man them or perform in them.

The principle of "additionality" grows ever more burdensome, too. It lays down that money raised by the lottery — by the pound coins and sweet, foolish dreams of ordinary people - must never be used for anything which would otherwise have been funded by the Treasury. You can see how that principle once seemed to be a good idea: but what it means, in effect, is that lottery money. may be used only for frills and gew gaws and not for anything necessary. Unless, of course, it comes via the Charities Board - but that is a

hellish cumbersome way to do Now Mr Blair is creeping up on the lottery funds from behind, in what indignant critics term a "raid", but logic says is an inevitable and sensible move. Up till now, the total available amount — £1,272 million to March this year - was split evenly

five ways: sports, arts, heritage, charities, millennium. Last Thursday the Government published a Bill adding a sixth category, the new op-Now that is to get 13.3 per cent, as with 16.75 per cent lennium, which

gets 20 per cent

until 1999, and thereafter swops proportions with new opportunities. In other words, by the end of this Government's term it will be annexing for its own projects - homework clubs, childcare, health centres, whatever - one-fifth of the total lottery take. A neat, comparatively painless way of adding £250 million a year to your health, welfare and environ-

ment budget . And why not? Indeed, why not go further, and use more of those hopeful, sweaty pound coms from the corner newsagent to give properly considered and socially useful things to the people who mainly spent them? Why should we tolerate this seedy new culture in which "consultants" are fatly paid to help frame persuasive lottery bids, and creamily elitist, recherché projects designed to appeal to the great and the good take home millions, while the homeless and the

truants roam the streets? It is interesting that one of the first things Mr Blair is buying with his opportunity fund is a network of after-school study centres. Only last year just such a national network. ably planned by the Prince's Trust and called study support centres, was

turned down flat by the Millennium

Commission. It was clearly time for Government to step in, and it has. Without it, wasteful spending will

run wild. The lottery has succeeded beyond all dreams (the highest projection for the first seven years was E9 billion, and there will almost certainly be more than £10 billion). That is just too much money to be entrusted solely to the vagaries

There is probably a case for continuing the independent boards into the next century, since there will always be aspects of heritage, sport and art which central government cannot be bothered with, and charities which do not reflect the politics currently in power (was it not fun, watching Tory ministers huff and puff at teeny grants to lesbian drop-in centres? And would it not be delightful if the sports board now gave a few hundred to a hunt kennels, just for a laugh?) But their share and their power should be curbed. It is leading to daft imbalances.

Take Norwich: it is getting a new lottery-funded multiscreen art-house cinema so its higher-minded citizens can see Last Year at Marienbad to their hearts' content, but it still has no municipal swimming-pool for the health and amusement of everybody else. There is only a private and expensive sports complex well out of town, beyond the reach of pocketmoney and pedestrians. The city council's lottery application for a public pool was turned down flat: but surely any government, national or local, with a brief to meet needs rather than fanciful desires, would

have built a pool first? Now you think that I am an evil socialist centralist, don't you? You think additionality and quangocracy are safer than Whitehall and Westminster? OK. But try this experiment. Look hard at the queues who scribble numbers and scratch cards at your local checkout. Then look at the town, village or city around them, and find out what the fragmented lottery board system has achieved for these people and what it has failed to

And ask yourself whether, from what you know of them so far, Mr Blair and Mr Brown could have done better. The answer may be surpris-ing. We all have a healthy mistrust of governments, but they do have their

# Hypocrisy: at the **Treasury**

Peter Lilley asks:

should savers trust Geoffrey Robinson?

ast week the Government ran into a hail of criticism for its plans to tax people who have been saving in Peps and Tessas. But this was not just a tactical mistake. It this was not just a tactical mistake. It was part of a series of strategic blunders. To attack hundreds of thousands of savers in middle Britain, the very people it had been wooing, was unwise. To single out the people who had saved most prudently and withdraw their tax relief in future was indefensible. To describe people with savings of £50,000 (which will boost their retirement income by just £2,500 a year) as ment income by just £2,500 a year) as "rich" is, well, a bit rich. And to put up the multimillionaire Paymaster General Geoffrey Robinson, who has savings in an offshore tax haven, to announce that modest savers will get no tax relief in future added insult to injury. Geoffrey Robinson may be a friend of the Bourgeois but he showed he is no friend of the middle class.

Before the election, Gordon Brown said: "A Labour Chancellor will not permit tax reliefs to millionaires in offshore tax havens. Now that the Prime Minister is giving the Paymas-ter General his full personal backing for doing just that, we know Mr Robinson's position is "unassailable"

but it remains hypocritical.

Behind these mistakes lies a strategic blunder which began with Gordon Brown's first Budget. What was needed to keep the economy on course was to moderate the growth of consumer spending. If he had restrained consumer spending, the Bank of England would have raised interest rates by less, the pound would not have been so strong, exports would not have been squeezed so much and growth would have been more balanced.

The growth of consumer spending is being fuelled by the £30 billion windfalls from building societies. So the Chancellor should have been encouraging people to save those windfalls. But instead of encouraging saving, he has been attacking it. First came Gordon Brown's pension tax (abolishing tax credits on dividends) and now comes Geoffrey Robinson's savings tax (capping tax relief on

Tessas and Peps.)
Why have they launched this twopronged attack on saving? Well Chancellors, especially Labour Chan-cellors, are always looking for a politically painless way to raise more tax. Most abandon this quest as hopeless since, as Edmund Burke put to tax and to be loved is given to no man". But Mr Brown's advisers thought they had found a way. They observed that though we are taxed when we earn and taxed when we, spend, we are not usually taxed again when we save. And his advisers cynically predicted that if money was taken from pension funds and savings accounts people would not even notice — until they retire. The last person who thought he could get away with that was Robert Maxwell

I did not for a moment imagine that Labour would be so shameless as to put Geoffrey Robinson, who used to be in business with Robert Maxwell, in charge of carrying out the next instalment of this approach. But then they had already appointed as the minister in charge of pensions policy Helen Liddell, formerly Robert Maxwell's public affairs adviser.

The decision to tax savings is not ( just a breach of Labour's solemn pre-election pledge that we have no plans to increase tax at all". It flies in the face of the very specific assurances they gave about the future of Peps and Tessas. Alistair Darling, now Chief Secretary to the Treasury, wrote to the Investors' Chronicle last year to protest that it was "not true" that Labour would abolish Peps and Tessas. He also specifically said that he was "not actively looking at" a £50,000 cap on savings in Peps. Tony Blair himself said on ITN news in April this year that he wanted "to extend the scope of Tessas and Peps"—"the idea that the Labour Party would take action against those is absurd". People are beginning to get used to the fact that Labour takes a very flexible view of its promises.

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Will anyone gain from the new Individual Savings Accounts (Isas) which will replace Peps and Tessas? The Government claims small savers on low incomes will benefit. That would certainly be desirable. But they get virtually nothing new except easier access to their own money. Isas may simply attract non-savers who want to use them as current accounts.

The Government also makes much of the supposed appeal of isas to nontaxpayers because of the 10 per cent tax credit. This is an extraordinary cheek. Under the Conservative tax regime those whose incomes were too low to pay tax could keep the 20 per cent tax credit on their dividends. But the Chancellor announced in his July Budget that he was abolishing those credits. To bring back half of it (and for five years only) is an insult.

I do not argue that the previous arrangements were incapable of improvement. But any reform should honour the reasonable expectations of all those who had planned their life savings on the basis of the existing tax regime. Suddenly to tear up that regime is simply dishonourable.

The author is Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer.

# Claws are out

CAMILLE PAGLIA and Beatrix Campbell, the feminist writers, have fallen out in a less than ladylike carfight about who truly represents the sisterhood. Paglia, an American, describes her colleague in the sex wars as a "stupid, little mediocrity", while Campbell is said to have called her fellow traveller a "crazy star". The spat, which blew up during Paglia's short lecture tour of Britain last week, reflects a clash between "Barbara Bush" feminism and more crew cut-style traditionalism. The American

had turned up at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London to deliver a paper entitled The Modern Battle of the Sexes but flounced off the stage in a huff because she thought the audience's questions were too unintelligent. Paglia is now complaining that Campbell. who had been moderating, had done nothing to calm the nasty mood that had developed.

Back home in Philadelphia, Paglia yesterday moaned: "After the lecture, Bea came over and said to me Your lecture was banal and conservative. How could she behave with such rudeness? I told her to get out of here. She clearly thought it was her evening, arriv-

ing in this hot little pink jacket." Campbell herself declined to attach her false nails and climb into the mud bath. But her friends were happy to pile in. "Paglia was very abusive. She is one of these crazy stars whose every eccentricity is indulged. God knows why anyone would want to hear her.



Meow...Campbell, Paglia

She was hardly in a position to accuse the audience of behaving badly." With sisterly love like that, the battle for liberation could take for ever.

#### **Boeuf Gowrie**

AS the browhaha blew up last week about the Royal Opera House, the Arts Council urgently needed to locate its chairman, the erudite Lord Gowrie. He was, however, nowhere to be found. Then a call was



put through to his chauffeur, who happened to be parked outside Harvey Nichols. Gowrie had, it transpired, made an emergency dash to the Knightsbridge preen-ing palace to stock up on beef and Bovril before the Government's ban was imposed.

■ A GLOSSY document to launch Britain's EU presidency lists the glamorous locations for next year's international meetings: "Panama City, San Jose, Barbados, Prague, Budapest and Macclesfield." The chic little town in Cheshire will put the bunting out for the EU Culture and Audiovisual Ministers' seminar in March.

#### Write footer

VINNIE JONES, the Parliament FC coach, is to flex his literary muscles. After my revelation last Fri-

day that the Wimbledon midfielder has agreed to train the Commons football team, I can now disclose that he is writing his memoirs. The book, as yet untitled, will trace his passage from hod-carry-ing hard man to football hard man. "It will deal with all aspects of his life that he hasn't forgotten," says his henchman. "Both on and

● AN EMINENT peer has been appointed to advise the Agricul-

off the pitch."



IMMORTALITY at last for the defeated Burton MP, Sir Ivan Lawrence: his face now adorns the labels of Ivan Ale, above, a rather potent new range of beer produced by Burton Breweries. His reward?

ture Minister, Jack Cunningham, on general matters of food. His name is Lord Eatwell.

#### Old devil

A PEER, the son of a celebrated seducer, told me he had been musing on my tale about the date beeen Lauren Booth and Alan Clark when a piece of anonymous 18th-century poetry had come to mind. "One day a devil having nothing else to do, Went off to tempt my Lady Poltagrue. My lady tempted by a private whim, To his extreme annoyance tempted him."

• THE Boring Institute in America has decreed that the Royal Family is the second most boring group of people in 1997. After the events of the past year, I can only wonder what planet the organisation's panel of judges has been living on.

#### Flying tonight

MIDDLE-AGE has done little to lighten the demands made upon the actress, Jenny Agutter: lastnight's much publicised first performance of her latest play, Peter Pan, had to be cancelled because it was all too, well, dangerous.

The production - an elaborate



Agutter: in the wings

Ian McKellen - was due to preview at the National Theatre in London last night. In the interests of cast safety, however, it had to be postponed. There is a lot of flying involved," says my man in the wings. Lots of the actors have to fly, even Jenny. She plays Mrs Darling, but she also doubles as a Never Bird, you see. The play, I'm told, is due to take off tonight.

affair with flying machines and Sir JASPER GERARD

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### **JOINED-UP POLITICS**

A low-rise solution to a high-rise problem

Government departments are like monumental tower blocks on a 1960s housing estate. Designed to fulfil the need for efficient government, they have often produced rivalry and alienation. Council tenants are now being given the chance to rebuild their communities through terraced, low-rise housing: so too the Government is trying to rebuild itself to a horizontal, rather than vertical, design. Yesterday's launch of the social exclusion unit offers, according to Tony Blair, joined-up solutions for joined-up problems.

The cycle of welfare dependency is one of many that cannot be addressed by one government department alone poor education leads to unemployment, which often causes ill-health, exacerbated by bad housing. Crime breeds in these conditions, as does family breakdown, mental illness and social instability. There is barely a department of state on which these problems do not impinge. Since the attempt to reintegrate the underclass into mainstream society is one of the biggest goals of government policy, Mr Blair might have been tempted to create a new department, a new tower block, to deal with it. Instead, he has gone for the more flexible low-rise option.

This unit is not the first inter-departmental working group to have been set up in Whitehall. Often the chief motivation has been public relations rather than real political change. This one may prove to be no different. In the past, however, they have tended to be staffed by relatively junior ministers, able to be sidelined by the people who mattered. The social exclusion unit will be chaired by the Prime Minister himself and is packed with enthusiastic and ambitious Blairites, among them Stephen Byers, Alun Michael, Tessa Jowell, Barbara Roche and Peter Mandelson. Its home, the Cabinet Office, will be next to No 10. And it will contain expertise from outside Whitehall. the voluntary sector, business, the police,

and the social and probation services. Whether this approach can create joined-up policies on the ground will not be clear for some time. Teenage criminals usually start as problem children, who can be identified long before they are excluded from school. A number of different agencies and voluntary bodies could help such children and their parents before the police have to become involved. Yet, in the long term, it is the Home Office and local authorities that will save money if these children's behaviour problems can be sorted out before they turn to crime. The new unit will have to create small networks all over the country that replicate the cross-departmental web of cooperation now set up in Whitehall.

The prospects for a co-operative approach by tower block departments is better than in the past. Ministers are still fresh to office and some are slightly sickened by the turfwar mentality that has been traditional in their departments. A new generation of per-manent secretaries, with wider experience in different jobs than their predecessors, are a little less wedded to the old loyalties.

The Prime Minister, meanwhile, is trying not to become too bogged down in day-today matters, in order to free time for a few important priorities. Mr Blair is attempting to emulate Margaret Thatcher, who took one big policy at a time, such as trade-union reform or privatisation, and pushed it hard

This form of centralisation within Whitehall is probably the only way to ensure that a government's best intentions are actually put into action. But it has one serious danger. If the idea, like this, is a good one, the backing of the Prime Minister will help it to succeed. But if the occupant of Downing Street is both all-powerful and determined on a foolish solution, it will scupper either him or his Government. Baroness Thatcher had her poll tax. Mr Blair should never

#### WELCOME TO TEHRAN

Iran attempts a regional return to influence

Princes, emirs and presidents have been arriving in Tehran for the largest international gathering in the Islamic Republic since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Virtually every member of the 55-nation islamic Conference has sent a minister to the summit, and Iranian officials have been cordially greeting Saudi, Iragi, Palestinians and Gulf leaders whom only a year ago they were denouncing as corruptors of Islam, aggressors, capitulationists and American stooges. For Iran, this meeting is a strike against American attempts to isolate Tehran regional muscle. For the Arab world, Iran's silky new diplomacy evokes wariness but also hope that its terrorist intriguing may be on the decline. For the West, the occasion provides clues to the continuing struggle between modernisers and Islamic diehards for the soul of the country.

The summit is an important test for Muhammad Khatami, the relatively reasonable new president, elected in the teeth of opposition from the religious Establishment and clerical opportunists. He must demonstrate not only that reforms can win friends, but that toning down of revolutionary rhetoric has given Iran a broader base from which to fight international ostracism. Having summoned the world's press to listen, Iran could only lose by using the host's platform to parade the anti-Western. revolutionary Islam that has undermined the peace of its near neighbours. Iran's wretched economic straits also make it imperative to persuade potential investors and oil explorers that Iran could be a stable, mature and profitable market.

Mr Khatami could be helped by the tough speech that Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-

General, will deliver today. In it, he refers bluntly to "the increasing resort to violence and terror" in the name of Islam and speaks of the duty of Islamic leaders to restore tolerance and justice to their rightful places" in their societies. This is a speech directed at Ayatollah Khamenei, the supreme Islamic leader, at the street gangs controlled by hardliners who beat up reformist students and intellectuals, and at ignorant and corrupt clergy attempting to sabotage cautious moves to liberalise the economy and the social climate.

large majority, especially the young, that voted for him in the belief that he would loosen the straitjacket of their lives has been disappointed. Change has been minimal. The hardliners control most levers of power - radio and television, Parliament, the security forces, the supreme leader's institutions, the Friday prayers preachers and key sectors of the economy. They are waiting for Mr Khatami to slip, ready to force his resignation and a take-over by Iran's 'expediency council" while they attempt to delay elections for a successor.

Mr Khatami has only people power on his side. Their impatience was on display when football fever spilled into the streets last week. For fear of a vicious backlash, he must move slowly. That applies as much abroad as at home. He will not attempt a volte-face over Middle East peace, anti-Americanism or Islamic zealotry so long as he and his allies are unable to confront the religious police or question the obscurantist legal code. But Mr Khatami can tone down the propaganda and send out conciliatory signals. The Islamic summit is a pious forum for such pragmatic politics.

#### **WOODROW'S WORLDS**

A flamboyant man of our times, old times and The Times

Woodrow Wyatt was one of our last cavaliers. Without him, the world will be a more prosaic place - to be precise, three worlds, politics, the media and racing. Had he concentrated on any one of these, his energetic and pungent personality might have propelled him into a starring role. As it was, on the political stage he enjoyed playing a character part - kingmaker, seer or advocate - but never the lead. A distinguished broadcaster and columnist for this newspaper and the News of the World, he relished being "the Voice of Reason" rather than that of sweet reasonableness. He lacked the wealth to dominate the turf; but there too, as a charismatic chairman of the Tote, he left controversy in his wake. His death severs one of the last links, not only with the Attlee Government (in 1945 he was the youngest Labour MP), but with a flamboyant style of British public life which is fast disappearing.

His public persona was that of a showman, who relished the brickbats of his numerous detractors as much as the plaudits of his patrons. Yet Wyatt's most effective work was often done behind the scenes: he was a consummate conciliator, fixer and manager. That a right-wing Wykehamist such as Gaitskell could become leader of the Labour Party in 1955 was due not least to Wyatt, who paid for his services with his seat. Though his part in exposing Cummunist infiltration of the engineers' and

electricians' unions earned him the undying hatred of the Left, Wyatt was trusted by both unions when they were ostracised by Labour and the TUC during the 1980s.

Many of Wyatt's unpopular causes now look prophetic. He alienated Gaitskell by proposing an alliance with the Liberals to defeat the Tories; quarter of a century later, Tony Blair took his advice. His campaign against the renationalisation of steel ensured his marginalisation during the Wilson years, but helped to keep the flame of private enterprise burning. Having failed to achieve high office in the 1960s, Wyatt lost his seat in 1970 and had to earn his living in business and by his pen, thus saving him from the high-minded dogmatism of his peers such as Roy Jenkins, Tony Crosland, Michael Foot and Tony Benn. Never a Tory, he was more loyal to Margaret Thatcher and John Major than many who were.

As a journalist. Wyatt cultivated a blimpish manner, an impression not entirely dispelled by his languid drawl, his bow tie and cigar. Yet he could write with the debonair charm of the adventurer he always remained, and though he had his share of vices, dullness was not among them. He had a generous understanding of the young. Like all gamblers, he often showed more passion than prudence. In the steeplechase of politics, he always backed more winners than losers. Whatever the stakes. Wyatt never forgot the thrill of the race.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Single mothers' right to live on benefits under review

From Professor Richard C. Whitfield

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Sir, Libby Purves (Blair's Babes in the wood". December 2) understandably castigates the apparent silence of new Labour's 101 women MPs concerning the Government's misplaced strategy for early childcare.

Public policies that do not respect the fundamental need of children to be securely attached to at least one special parent figure are a poor investment and fly in the face of extensive research findings.

Secure attachments in early and later childhood are more likely to be established if parents are given recognition, resources, status and support, in preference to extensive substitute care. Arms of the State, or more private markets, simply cannot provide children with reliable enough love.

Insecure attachments, exhibited by over 40 per cent of young children in westernised societies, tend to lead to a wide range of costly social problems. Miserly attitudes towards parenting only compound these and have no economic or psychological foundation.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WHITFIELD (Education and human development Bracken Bank, Timber Hill, Lyme Regis, Dorset. richard@whitfield\_u-net.com

From Mr Rupert Sanders

December 2.

Sir. All credit to Alison Miller (article, "Standing up for single mothers", December 4) for playing the system to maximum advantage for her family. but as we enter an era in which the number of net contributors to the funding of society is decreasing and the demands for funds spiralling, she did not make a good case for the preferential treatment of single mothers versus the needs of the elderly, educa-

tion, pensions and the health service. The decision to give up work lest

Revision of legal aid

eve of the debate in the House of

Lords, to express again our concern

about the Government's proposals to

replace legal aid with "no win, no fee"

agreements in most cases claiming

money or damages.

The people who will lose under

these plans are those currently enti-

comes will not be able to afford the

costs of legal insurance, or to pay for

essential expert evidence. The Gov-

ernment must provide precise details

as to who is going to bear the responsi-

bility for paying the up-front costs of litigation. Also it is not clear whether

these proposals will lead to a signifi-

We hope the Government will hear

the serious and widespread concerns

being expressed and undertake fur-

ther research - for which there is not

enough time under the timetable pro-

posed — to ensure the system works

fairly in the interests of consumers.

Government should not withdraw

legal aid from those currently eligible

to receive it unless it can be sure they

will be better off under any alternative

and that there will be greater access to

justice, not less.

Yours faithfully

ROBERT OWEN.

RUTH EVANS,

Chairman, The Bar Council,

RICHARD BREWSTER,

Director, National Consumer Council.

The General Council of the Bar.

Life expectancy rates

Sir, Your report (December 5) on our

research into regional variations in longevity could give the impression

that external causes, such as accidents

and suicide, make a more significant

contribution to overall mortality fig-

ures than do cardiovascular disease

In fact, other than in young adults,

the reverse is the case; and deaths

from violence and drug addiction play

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From Dr Veena S. Raleigh and

Chief Executive, Scope,

ASHLEY HOLMES,

ROGER SMITH,

Head of Legal Department, Consumers Association,

Director, Legal Action Group,

PHILLIP SYCAMORE.

President, The Law Society

3 Bedford Row, WC1.

December 8.

Dr Victor A. Kiri

and lung cancer.

an even smaller role.

VEENA S. RALEIGH.

University of Surrey, Department of Epidemiology.

Yours faithfully,

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December 6.

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cant increase in access to justice.

From the Chairman of the

Bar Council and others

she lose the 'attachment between a mother and child" seems at odds with the subsequent decision to send both her sons to boarding school, and the amount of money she receives in benefit is significantly more than the amount taken home by my wife who

works full-time in the NHS. Many couples with children have to work full-time to achieve a decent standard of living. They do not have the choice to be full-time parents as the lost earnings will not be replaced by state benefits if one partner is

working.
Should they both give up work?

Yours faithfully, RUPERT SANDERS. 151 Westway, SW20. talents@clara.net December 4.

From Mr Trevor Berry

Sir, I found Alison Miller's complaint about the Secretary of State for Social Security's decision (report, December 4) to tackle escalating costs unconvincing. She does not say whether the father of her children (her former husband) has died; so whatever happened to the Child Support Agency?

Yours truly, TREVOR BERRY (President, Families Need Fathers). 10 Hartley Close, Bromley, Kent.

From Mrs Baba Hobart

Sir. Alison Miller has managed to present an entirely reasonable argument that very much needed to be voiced. I think it goes a long way to explain the dilemma that single mothers often find themselves in and I hope it causes those more fortunate to understand and sympathise.

Yours sincerely, Baba Hobart, 12 Brunswick Gardens, Kensington, W8.

From Mr J. A. Greenspan

Sir. It seems to me that the question Alison Miller is asking is: should I, Alison (and my parents and lover there is no mention of the ex-husband), pay for my lifestyle and the education of my children at private boarding school, or should the taxpayer pay?

My answer is quite unequivocal and is, I suspect, the same as that of the majority of taxpayers.

Yours faithfully, J. A. GREENSPAN, 76 Vernon Avenue, Rugby. December 4.

From Miss Anna M. Bruce

Sir, I respect the decision Dr Fiona Cornish (letter, December I) made to go back to work after having children but I do not think it has much relevance to the situation a single mother finds herself in.

Most of us have not got the qualifications to get a job which pays enough for even the cheapest child-minder. never mind a nanny "who does an ex-

People who can afford such nannies can also afford to pay for their tax and national insurance. Meanwhile, the "after-school clubs" Dr Cornish admires do not help mothers with very young children. I struggled to pay 52 an hour for child-minding when my son was a few months old. He re-ceived no individual attention, so I did not feel guilty about giving up work. Why struggle in a job which brings no satisfaction, only to see your children suffer?

There are many families in this country who would be only too glad to enjoy "a single academic salary". Dr Cornish should count her blessings.

Yours faithfully, A. M. BRUCE, Flat 2, 49 St Mary's Avenue. Hemingbrough, nr Selby, Yorkshire.

### Robocop and zero-tolerance policing

From Inspector John Anthony

Sir, Geoff Hoon, Parliamentary Sec-Sir, Much publicity has been given to retary at the Lord Chancellors De-"Robocop" (whatever that is supposed partment (letter, December 4; see also to mean) Ray Mallon, "the zero-tolerletters, November 19, 26, December 2) ance expert", [reports, December 2, 3, emphasises the Government's will-6 and 8) ingness to listen. We write then, on the

"Zero-tolerance" is an emotive American expression used to describe a policing response in America to American crime problems.

The principle is not new in this country. Until fairly recently officers, at least in the Met, systematically kept the streets clear of drunks and beggars, arrested and brought before the courts all persons where the evidence was sufficient, in fact we had an arrest mentality in relation to all areas of disorderliness. We did not have a general public drug problem until public opinion, as represented by very liberal pressures, demanded that we become tolerant to its use. We used to arrest persons who had commenced criminactivity as "suspected persons". This offence was abolished after campaigns by media and pressure groups, resulting from misunderstanding and misrepresentation of its pro-

We don't arrest drunks because the facilities are not there to deal with them. We don't arrest beggars because courts criticised us for doing so. Home Office guidelines direct us to caution many offenders for disorderly behaviour instead of placing them before a court. We have very great difficulty in dealing with the more trivial offences of drug-dealing because of the inordinate resources needed to gather the necessary evidence. We attempt to resolve neighbourhood antisocial behaviour with one hand tied hehind our backs because the relevant procedures are slow and largely ineffectual.

During the last two years we have made major efforts to reduce crime and disorder in the centre of Camden Town, with considerable success, but at some expense to the policing of the rest of our division. I believe we can reduce public-order offences: but nontolerance of unlawful behaviour is

what we used to practise; now treading on eggshells is our main concern.

Yours tolerantly, JOHN ANTHONY, Metropolitan Police Service, Kentish Town Police Station. 12a Holmes Road, NW5. December 3.

From Mr Adrian M. Shryane

Sir, Cleveland's Assistant Chief Constable states: "Zero tolerance is bigger than one man" (report, December 2). It should be. It is not.

In New York. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani was recently re-elected (report, November 6) because he, and his police commissioner, gave the citizens what they wanted: zero tolerance. Crime rates have now fallen: citizens have increased freedom to walk the streets. I recently saw for myself police officers everywhere, visible, doing their job, preventing crime.

What of London? I recently travelled from Islington to Chiswick one weekday afternoon. I only saw one police car, one police motorcyclist, and two young constables trying to catch motorists travelling in a bus lane. Was this a "zero presence" policy?

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN M. ŠHRYANE, Apartment D14, Atlantic Bay, St Piran's Road, Perranporth, Cornwall. December 3.

From Mr J. R. Collins

Sir, I must admit to feeling some misgivings about a policing policy of zero tolerance, especially when such a policy is being directed and operated by an officer who puts in a minimum 80-hour week, who finds difficulty in staying away from it all even on Christmas Day and is known as

Yours faithfully. J. R. COLLINS. 63 Gordon Close. Knowle Green, Staines, Middlesex. December 3.

#### Mortgage rise

From Mr Tim Hawes

Sir. I have received this morning notification of yet another rise in my mortgage rate. I look forward to the introduction by Tony Blair of the 53-week year, since it now takes me an extra week to earn the amount by which the mortgage has risen since new Labour came into power.

Yours faithfully, T. C. HAWES, 15 Cherington Gate, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire. December 8.

#### Off limits

From Mr S. J. Wood

Sir. I feel cheated by the retrospective aspect of the Isa proposals announced last week (letters, December 6). After all, at the general election Tony Blair advised voters to place their trust in 'new Labour", not in the Channel

Yours faithfully. S. J. WOOD. 6 Normanton Street, Brighton, East Sussex.

#### **Electoral commission** From Councillor Ian Johnson

Sir, It is not simply the welcome appointment of a commission to review electoral arrangements for Westminster that is fascinating, but also the selection of its members (reports, December 2).

The Prime Minister has again demonstrated his ability to make inspired choices. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead is a

natural chairman, has a good relationship with the Government, a sense of history and undoubted political skills; his appointment could thus have been expected. The inspiration seems to me to lie in

the inclusion of Sir John Chilcot, the retiring Permanent Secretary at the Northern Ireland Office. Anyone who has been able to cope with the competing interests in Northern Ireland should find that dealing with mainland politicians on issues of, essentially, fairness and common sense is a piece of cake.

Yours faithfully, IAN JOHNSON (Liberal Democrat. Woking Borough Council), 2 Wheatsheaf Close, Woking, Surrey. December 2.

#### Major challenged on Opera report

From Mr Jonathan Labrey

Sir. Despite John Major's legitimate concern (letter, December 8) about the content of the culture select committee's report on the Royal Opera House, it seems to me that the report's style - highly readable, with clear ines of accountability and unambiguous conclusions - is the way forward if the electorate are to re-engage their sympathies with the people who represent them. Too many reports emanate from Parliament that allow self-interested interpretation (or

wriggling). This report represents a welcome shift away from the double negatives. innuendo and immense length that have often allowed the misrepresentation of Parliament in the country. Let us hope that select committees continue to be robust in style, provoking a serious response from the executive and a debate outside. In the end, where taxpayers' money is at stake, it is a matter for the public, not just for

Members of Parliament. Yours faithfully, JONATHAN LABREY. 13 Hogarth House, Erasmus Street, SWI. December 8.

From Mr Kenneth Parry Brown

Sir. Oh why is it that we have to wait for our Prime Ministers to retire before they make their most telling com-

Yours faithfully, KENNETH PARRY BROWN, Hewers, I Priory Close, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire. December 8.

#### **Hunting Bill**

From Mr Anthony Loehnis

Sir, Your leading article on foxhunting on November 28 [see also letters. November 26 and 28, December 1 and 5| sensibly concludes: "In the months to come there must be hard thinking from open minds."

Mr Michael Foster, MP, claimed in the Commons debate (report, November 29) that the aim of his Bill is the prevention of cruelty. I have been in correspondence with Mr Foster since August asking him to explain what differentiates the cruelty inflicted on fish by anglers from that inflicted on mammals hunted by dogs and those who control them; and why it is politically correct for three or four million people to get pleasure from the sport of inflicting pain on fish, but incorrect for a smaller number to get pleasure from the sport of hunting.

Mr Foster's last two-sentence letter me reads: "The tone of your reveals your motive, trying to protect the cruel and barbaric activity of hunting with dogs. You may not like my answer, but I'm afraid that is your problem not mine."

I fear that we cannot look for hard thinking or an open mind from Mr

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY LOEHNIS. 139 Ladbroke Road, WII. December 3.

From Mr Michael Willoughby

Sir, May I congramlate you on the good sense in your recent editorials on foxhunting (November 28 and 29) and underline the argument for freedom of choice and liberty.

It is undeniable that those working in agriculture who have responsibility for the management and welfare of wildlife wish to maintain the choice of whether to allow hunting on their land or not. Those who see themselves as the best custodians of their livestock and wildlife by permitting hunting should have their view res-

We farmers are already suffering as a result of the protection afforded badgers, and this is a prime example of a law created without enough rural input or respect. We must not be subjected to more bad law introduced for political reasons and lack of respect for the larger picture of British wildlife that hasn't got cuddly fur.

You suggest the Government should initiate a Countryside Commission to examine every aspect of field sports including foxhunting. If this really is required. I suspect at great cost, it must have a lack of any bias and the respect of all parties: both might be difficult. I know, however. that farmers must maintain freedom of choice, and that where hunting continues there will be benefits to the local economy and to the countryside we treasure under the banner of

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY, The Estate Office. Birdsall, Malton, North Yorkshire.

#### Wolsey invoked

From Mr Patrick Walsh

Sir, What a wonderfully solemn letter from the Lord Chancellor (December 5). Sidney Smith observed that it requires a surgical operation to get a joke well into a Scotch understanding". It would never have occurred to him that a Scot might actually make one of his own accord.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK WALSH, Highclere Farm. Highelere, Hampshire. December 5.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Dinner given by the Privy Council at the House of Lords to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary and were received by the President of the Council (the Rt Hon Ann Taylor MP) and the Lord Privy Seal (the

Lord Richard).
The Prince of Wales was present. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 8: The Duke of York this evening attended the opening night of the English National Ballers "The Nutcracker" at the London Coliseum Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

December & The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this morning arrived at Gatwick Airport, London, rom Paraguay. Mrs Charles Ritchie and Mr Rupert McGuigan were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 8: Princess Alice, DuchLieutenant Colonel Jeremy Pres-cott upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Holme upon assuming the appointment.
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron,

ess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-

ment, this afternoon received

Inner London Probation Service, this evening attended a reception at the headquarters, 71/73 Great Peter Street, London SWL THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK December & Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited St

Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Law-rie Park Road, Sydenham, London Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a "Celebra-tion of Christmas" Concert in aid of the New Bridge (a charity creating links between the offender and the community) at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SWI.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, senior trustee, will attend a meeting of the trustees, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, at 10.00; as Fellow of the Royal Society, will preside at a meeting of the Project Science Board of Patrons, Buckingham Palace, at 4.00. The Duchess of Kent, president, will preside at the congregation of awards ceremony, Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road,

Princess Alexandra will visit Lambhill Court, 40 Lambhill Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow, at 4.45; and as president, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, will attend a carol concert, held by the Scottish events committee of the fund, Glasgow Cathedral, at 5.45.

#### Glaziers' Company

A Christmas concert of carols and readings by the pupils of the Lord Mayor Treloar College for Physically Disabled Young People was held at Glaziers' Hall last night. Mr G.C. Bond, Master, and the wardens with Mr Michael Camphell, chairman of the college's trustees, welcomed the guests. Among others present were: Ms Kate Adie, Canon Roger Royle, the Masters of the Wheelwrights' and Launderers' Company, parents and friends of the college.

## Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng.

of Engineering

The Royal Academy

FRS, President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the presentation of the 1997 New neering Graduate Awards and the CSE International Lecture held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SWL The Awards were presented by Mr David Goldesgeyme of the Jerwood Foundation. The CSE Inter-national Lecture "From Concept to Patient: Engineering solutions to medical problems" was delivered by Professor William Bonfield, FEng, Director of the University of London Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Biomedical Materials.

#### Alison Small

A Service of Thanksgiving for the A Service of Iranksgroung for the life of Alison Small, Deputy Head at Queen Margaret's School, York, will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at 2.00pm at the school. All are welcome.

#### School news

The Francis Holland School, Clareace Gate, NWI
The Council of the Trust has appointed Mrs Gillian Low, at present Deputy Head Mistress of the Godolphin and Latymer School in Hammersmith, to serve as Head Mistress of Francis Holland School, Clarence Gate. from September 1, 1998. She will succeed Mrs Pamela Parsonson who is retiring.

#### Anniversaries

John Milton, poet, London, 1608; India, 1902. gist, Stendai, Germany, 1717; Carl Scheele, chemist discoverer of oxygen, Straisund, Germany, 1742; Claude Louis Berthollet, chemist, Talloires, Savoy, 1748; James Hogg, writer, the "Ettrick Shepherd", Ettrick Forest, Selkirkshire, baptised on this day, 1770; Prince Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Moscow, 1842; George Grossmith, co-author of The Diary of a Nobody, London, 1847; Joel Chandler Harris, journalist, author of Uncle Remus, Eatonton, Georgia, 1848; Richard Austen

Walden, politician, Attock Serai,

DEATHS: laureate 1950, New York, 1971. Newgate Prison, 1783.

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DEATHS

SOMMER - Clairs on December 5th 1997, pescefully after a short librers, aged 59 years. Funeral Service at Widdington Parish Chunch on Friday 12 December 1997 at 12,90 aoon. Family flowers only but donations if desired for "Cancer Research" may be sent of R. Pessgood & Son. Shire Hill.
Thanted Eoad, Saffron Walden, CS11 3AQ

BROWN - December 2nd (tragically) of East End House, Theraton Eust (formerly of Shephendess Walk London, NI). Margaret hady alond 63 years beloved

Walk London, NT). Mangaret Jody aged 63 years belowed wife of Dannis, dearly loved mother of Annesit, Freys and Tunis, stepmether of Bunan, Judith and Jonnifer and a very dear sister, sister-da-law, some, and gesmimother. Greatly loved and sadiy missed. Any enquiries to Sanderson & Co Funeral Directors tel: 01969 623143.

purchases - On 6th December, peacefully at home after each a brave fight against cancer, Margaret Sandra ("Smite") Burgers, aged 50, beloved wife of Staton and much loved mother of Junie and Micholas. Funeyal Service at All Saints Church, Brainspilleld, Nr. Bountey, Hampahire on Friday 12th December at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but domnifons, if desired, will be divided between the Macmillan and

if desired, will be divided between the Bacomillan and Marie Curie Nursing Foundarious, and may be sent to AH. Charter, Funesh Directors, 122 The Humbed, Romsey, Hampedire SOS 1857 (tel: 01794 513393) to whom all enquisies should also be addressed.

COOPER - Leonard Pether of Leo, Rosemary and John and father in her of Jilly. Died peacetally in his sleep on December 5th at Houstead, Norfolk in his 98th year. Funeral private.

CAMPITON - Producick Sydney (Lord Dainton of Hallam Moore) died in the John Moore) died in the John and December 5th. Funeral on Friday December 12th at 2pm at The Oxford Commencium, No Bowers by request but, if desired, contributions to the Student Haudship Fund of The Vice-Chancellor Sheffield University would be very welcome.

### Memorial services

Mr Graeme McDonald

A celebration of the life and achievements of Mr Graeme McDonald, Head of Drama, Ardent Productions, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves, officiated, assisted by the Rev Cordon McDonald, brother-in-law, and the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, Mr David Reid read the lesson. in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regi-

Mr Eben Foggitt, Managing Director of Ardent Productions, read an evocation on the Mediterranean from Cyril Connolly's The Unquiet Grave, Mr Derek Granger read from The Sea and the Mirror by W.H. Auden. Mr Christopher Morahan paid tribute and Mr Shaun Sutton gave an address. Among others

Productions). Miss Verity Lambert (Cinema Verity Productions). Mr Janathen Powell (Cartton UK Televiston), Miss Gillian Reynoids (The Daily Telegraph). Mr David Rose (Intrinsica Films, Miss Monica Sims Gillian Reynoids (The Daily Telegraph). Mr David Rose (Intrinsica Films, Miss Monica Sims (Children's Film and Television Foundation). Mr Stephen White (Broadcasting Standards Commission).

Mr Kelth Anderson, Mr And Mrs David Barlow, Mr Edward Barnes, Mr Dick Bares, Mr Methyn Brage, Mr Alan Bridges, Mr Barry Brown, Mr and Miss Humphrey Burton, the Rev Dr P Butler, Mr and Mrs Holm, Chapman, Mr Keith Clement, Mr Bill Cotton, Mr Michael Darlow, Mr John Davies, Mr Mike Pentiman, Mr David Finegerald. Mr Michael Frayn, Mr Gerard Glaisten. Mr Peter Graham Scolt, Mr Jock Gold, Mr and Mrs Peter Goodchild, Mrs Derek Granger, Mr Simon Gray, Mr Gareth Gwenlan, Dr Burlton Gwynne Jones, Mrs Anne Hanford, Mrs Patricka Heald, Mr and Mrs Stephen Hearst, Mr Arthur Hopcraft, Mr And Mrs Stephen, Mr and Mrs Michael Jackey, Miss Ann Lee-Miller, Mr Colin Lestle, Mr and Mrs Barry Letts, Mr Philip Lewis, Mr Bob Longman, Mr Peter Lord, Mr Ronald Marsh, Miss Linda Maude, Mr and Mrs Glymne Price, Mr Bob Longman, Mr Peter Lord, Mr Ronald Marsh, Mrs Christopher Morahan, Mr Robin Nash, Mr Terry Nokee, Mr Peter Pagnamenta, Mr Bill Parkinson, Mr Peter Nicholis, Mr Alan Plaser, Mr Nigel Pope, Mr and Mrs Giynne Price, Mr David Soliwan Froudiou, Mr Bull Sellars, Mr Nagel Pope, Mr and Mrs Samuel, Mr Bill Sellars, Mr Mack Shives, Miss Ivene Shubin Scotz, Mr Chris Storey, Mr S Stumon, Mr City Soliwan Froudiou, Mr Sun Subin Scotz, Mr Makes Mriss Stumon, Mr Subin South, Mr Mack Shives, Miss Ivene Shubin Scotz, Mr Chris Storey, Mr S Stumon, Mr Christopher Mr Makeom Walker, Mr Stillipa Whitehead.

Sit Littcoln Hallingale, Mis Joyce Wooller, Mr Fhillipa Whitehead.

Sir Lincoln Hallinan

The Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, gave a read-ing at a requiem Mass for Sir Lincoln Hallinan celebrated on Saturday at the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Cardiff. The Bishop of Menevia was principal

celebrant and the concelebrants were the Abbot of Downside, Dom Charles Halliman (brother) and the Right Rev Abbot Nicholas Holman (uncle), Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, read a Psalm. (uncie), Sir Isbert Walkins, Yo, Isbo a resam-Among others present Were.
Lady Hailinan (widow), Mr Charles Hailinan (son), Mr and Mrs Luke Hailinan (son and daughterin-law), Ms Inila Hailinan and Miss Teresa Hailinan (daughters) and other members of the famility representatives of the judiciary and the legal profession, of organisations with which Sir Lincoln was associated and many other friends. Major-General G.P.B.

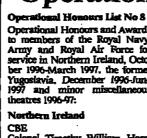
Roberts

The Belgian Ambassador was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General G.P.B. (Pip) Roberts held yesterday in the Chapel of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. The Rev Allan Brown, Chaplain, officiated, assisted by the Ven G.H. Roblin, Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Tank

Regiment.
Mrs Antoinette Wynne read the lesson. George Roberts (grandson) read from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress and Ms Nichola Vickers (granddaughter) read from the works of Stephen Spender, Brigadier David M. Stileman

Members of the family, the Lord-Lieutenan of Greater London, Field-Marshal Lord Carver, friends, representatives from the City of Antwerp, the Inns of Court, the 8th Rifle Brigade, the 3rd Moramouthshires, the Royal Tank Regiment and the Sharpshooters were among those present.

# Operational honours and awards



Susan Bullock, the

Birthdays today

Mrs Beverly Anderson, education consultant and broadcaster, 57; Miss Joan Armatrading, singer, 47; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, forme MP, 55; Sir John Burgh, former President, Trinity College, Oxford, 72; Lord Currie of Marylebone, 51: Mr Mervyn Davies, former rugby player, 51; Dame Judi Dench. actress, 63; Mr Kirk Douglas actor, 81; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, KBE, actor, 88; Ms Lynda Farran, executive producer, Royal Shakespeare Company, 39; Judge Dawn Freedman, 55; Mr Benny Green, musician, writer and broadcaster, 70; Mr F.G. Hankins, former chairman, Fitch Lovell, 71; Mr Robert Hawke, former Prime Minister of Australia, 68: Professor Gabriel Horn, FRS, Master, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 70; Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, former president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 71; Dame Elisabeth Legge-Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 82; Ms Julia C. Lomas, public trustee and chief executive. Public Trust Office Executive Agency, 43; Mr John Malkovich, actor, 44; Sir Michael Mann, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 67; Mr Stanley Martin, former diplomat, 63; Lord Morris, 60: Miss Isobel Poole. Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders, 56; Lord Rees, QC, 71; Sir Peter Smithers, former MP, 84; Miss Rita Stephen, trade unionist, 72; Miss Joanna Trollope, writer, 54; Mr A.F. Trotman, Head Master, St Peter's School, York, 54.

#### University news

Sheerin QGM, RM, Yeavilton; Warrant Officer Class 2 Iain

Operational Honours and Awards to members of the Royal Navy. Army and Royal Air Force for service in Northern Ireland, Octo-ber 1996-March 1997, the former Yugoslavia, December 1996-June 1997 and minor miscellaneous

Colonel Timothy William Ham-brook OBE, late The Devonshire and Dorset Regt OBE

Licutenant-Colonel David Gareth Benest MBE, Parachute Regt: Lieutenant Colonel Ian Robert Liles MBE, The Royal Irish Regt

MBF. MBE
Major Mark Edward Daubney.
RE, Port Erin, Isle of Man; Major
Roger Charles Davies QGM,
Royal Logistic Corps, Waltham St
Lawrence; Major Richard Davis,
RRW, High Wycombe, Major
Mark Lobe Hautend Sperith PA Mark John Haywood Smith, RA, Middle Wallop; Captain Christopher Andrew St John James, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regt, Preston; Warrant Officer Class 2 Kevin Michael Lane, RE, New-port; Captain Alan Litster, RM, Arbroath: Colour Sergeant Victor
Noel Magee, The Royal Irish Regt;
Major Nicholas Paul Metcalfe
QGM, R Signals, Bramcoe;
Lieutenant-Colonel David Norman Yates, Adjt Gen's Corps (ALS), Birmingham.

QGM Warrant Officer Class ! Colin. Munro, Parachute Regt, London; Staff Sergeant Robert Victor Price, Army Physical Training Corps,

MiD Corporal John Burtney, The Royal Irish Regt, Northern Ireland; Lance Corporal Deborah Jane Clarke, Royal Logistic Corps, Crewe: Bombardier Mark Peter Fountain, RA, Thirsk: Corporal Raymond Edward John, Royal Logistic Corps, Belfast; Lance Corporal Richard McKnight, Scots Guards, Windsor; Corporal Timo-Cambridge. OCB

Colour Sergeant Guy Benjamin Homan, Parachute Regt, London; Warrant Officer Class I Ian Mapp QGM, Royal Logistic Corps, Shoeburyness; Corporal Craig Par-terson, Adjt Gen's Corps (RMP). Gateshead; Lieutenant David Poole, Royal Logistic Corps, Col-

Lendon to be structured.

GRAY - Bridget: Evelyn died peacefully at home on Sth December. Wife of the late Peter Gray and mother of Julian, Philippa and Mark. The funcial will be held at Ashby St. Mary Church mear Morwich at 2pm on Monday 15th December. Family flowers only please. Donations in her memory to the ESPCA c/o Youngs Funcial Directors, 19 Bridge Street, Loddon, Norwich, NGL4 6KA.

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GUILLEMARD - George, formany S G G Wilkinson on November 9th after a long limes denty loved husband of Mary, father of Greg, Martin and Richard Wilkinson and Susan Douglas. Memorial Service 11.30 am January 24th 43 St Glies Orford.

HELLS - On November 29th, is

MRIIS - On November 29th, in Sydney, Australia, after a long liness, Lestie Hills of Boldre, Lymington. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Feneral Service on Monday December 15th, at St. John the Baptist Church, Boldre at 10.30am followed by camation at Bournesseath. Family flowers only. Donations if delived for the RYA Sullability may be sent cio I. W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampahira, All

co F. W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampahira, All friends are welcome at the service and afterwards at The Royal Lymington Tacht Club from 130pm cawards.

Club from 1.30pm enwards. HOLY - Oliver, peacefully at home on 5th December 1997, and 88 years. Dearly loved husband of Anne, father of Ren, Folly and Mary and grandfather of Endis, Rentice, Fether and Charles. Private committee will take place shoulty. A service of Thanke-giving will be held at Sherborne Abbry on Thrussing Jestuay 15th 1998

Thursday Indusy 15th 1998 at 11.00 am. Donations now be made

at 11.00 am. Debations may be made if wished to Shepton Montague Church or Friends of the Yestman Hospital of Harold P. Miles, Funeral Director, Winten Cottage, South Cadhury, Somerset 3822 725 (1963)

David Swan, Royal Logistic Corps, Summerhill, Wales.

QCVS nhardier Mohammed Abck doud, RA, Dorking: Warrant Of-ficer Class 2 Robert George Atkinson, The Royal Irish Regt. Northern Ireland; Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Hubert Bounsal. RA, Thorney Island; Captain James Burke, RE; Sergeant David Bushell, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regt, Chatham; Sergeant Samuel Cameron, Scots Guards, Hounslow; Colour Sergeant Gra-ham David Clark, RM, Yeovilton; Sergeant Gerrard Francis Cusack, RE. Bradford; Private William Paulkner, The Royal Irish Regt, Northern Ireland; Corporal Steven John Gillespie, Parachute Regt, Catterick; Colour Sergeant Dean Michael Hammond, Grenadier Guards, Camberley; Major Stephen Geoffrey Hayes, Adjr Gen's Corps (RMP), Scarborough; Sergeam Ben Huxley, Parachute Regt, Aldershot; Flight Lieutenant Sean

Aldershot; Flight Lieutenant Sean Christopher Leach, RAF, Glouces-ter; Sergeant Paul Markham, R Anglian, Shornecliffe; Corporal Peter Patrick Marsh, RAMC, Hey-wood, Lancashire; Squadron Lead-er Peter Martin, RAF, Devizes; Sergeant Thomas McKee, The Highlanders, Catterick; Lieuten-ant-Colonel Archibald John Miller Rakespeell. Sorte: Carants Miller-Bakewell, Sons Guards, Cambridge; Warrant Officer Class 1 Steven Paul Milsom BEM, Grenadier Guards, London; Corporal Mark Mitchell, RE, Coleraine, Londonderry; Lieutencolerame, Ionounderry; Lieuen-ant-Colonel Paul Raymond New-ton, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regt, Wilton; Warrant Officer Class 1 Paul Glen Pinchard, REME, Telford; Leading Wren Writer Tracy Jane Plant, RN.

Plymouth: Sergeant Roy Simpson, the Royal Irish Regt, Northern Ireland: Warrant Officer Class 2 Neil Stenton, Scots Guards, Windsor; Lieutenant-Colonel David Neil Forsyth Stewart, The Highianders, London; Squadron Leader Alan Maurice Thomas, RAF, Cardiff: Lieutenant Michael James Turnbull. The Light Infantry. Catterick: Colour Sergeant Key Vickers, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regt, Birmingham; Major the Hon Mark Andrew Prederick Vincent MBE, RA, Bristol.

CBE-

Brigadier Samuel Gordon

Brigadier Arundell David Leakey. late KTR.

OBE Colonel Mark Alan Craigmyle Hughes, late RE, Shaftesbury; Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Lamont Kirkland, The Green Howards.

MBE Major Roderick Gilbert Burns, R Anglian TA, Leicester, Lance Cor-poral Heidi Marie Dunne, Ad-jutant General's Corps (RMP).

Major Keith Stevenson Logan, RA TA, Shaftesbury.

**OCVS** Lance Corporal Alan John Belton, Int Corps TA, Glasgow, Staff Sergeant David George Nigel Best, RE, Dyfed; Scrgeant Andrew Peter Brierley-Lewis, RAF, Gloucester, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Richard Lanham MBE, Royal Logistic Corps, Southamp-ton; Major George Edward Lowder, The Royal Scots, Dumfries: Lieutenant Charles Pierre Macdonald, The Life Guards, Windsor, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Allen Martin, REME, Haywards Heath; Captain Amad Parvez, RA, Kenya; Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Austen Boyd Ramsden, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Germany; Captain Ian Richard Rand, Int Corps, Kent; Lieumenant Zachary Raymond Stenning, The Green Howards, Brighton: Major General Evelyn John Webb-Carter OBE, late Grenadier Guards, Fairford.

Colour Sergeant Andrew David Nowell, RM. Major Lincoln Peter Munro Jopp.

QGM Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Roger Gale MBE, RS

Scots Guards, Windsor.

OCB Sergeant Keith Nigel Davies, RAF, Pontypool: Sergeant David Kenneth Endacott, RAF, St Eval: Senior Aircraftman Daniel William Kirby, RAF, Cartisle, Major Nicholas John Basdin Slinger, RA,

QCVS Major Mark Russell Hanscomb The Princess of Wales's Regt. Northwood: Warrant Officer Class 2 Charles Alexander Riley, The Royal Gloucestershire Berkshire and Wiltshire Regt, London.

#### Dinners

Royal Automobile Club Prince Michael of Kent, President was in the chair at a dinner held last night at the Royal Automobile Club to mark the centenary of its foundation. Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman, proposed the toast to the Club and its next 100 years. Guild of Freemen of the City

of London
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were the guests at the annual dinner of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London held last night at Guildhall. Sir Anthony Grant, Master, presided.

The Lord Mayor, Lord Agreement of the City of Lordon the Lord Mayor, Lord Agreement of the City of Lordon the Lordon Mayor, Lord Agreement and Lordon Mayor, Lord Agreement and Lordon and Lordo The Lord Mayor, Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, Mr Norman Munday, Senior Warden, and Mr Martyn Lewis also spoke.

Parish Clerks' Company Mr O.W.H. Clark, Master of the Mr U.W.H. Cark, Masses of a Parish Clerks' Company, assisted by Mr J.D. Hebblethwaite and Mr W.H. Dove, Wardens, presided at the annual St Nicholas dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Sir John Chalstrey, Parish Clerk of St Martin Vintry and Sir John Owen, Dean of the Arches Court of Canterbury, also spoke. The Bishop of Kensington, the Masters

of the Barbers' and Anothecaries' Companies and their ladies were Ognemssmong those present.

Earlier. The Rev John Paul officiated and the Bishop of Basingstoke was the preacher at Holy Communion at the Church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe. London ECA.

Oxford University Rugby

Football Club Mr R.H. Davies and Mr S.H. Wilcock were the hosts at a dinner wheock were the hosts at a uniter to mark the 40th anniversary of the 1957 Oxford University Rugby Football team, held last night at Rules Restaurant, Covent Garden. Association of Foreign Affairs

Journalists
The Ambassador of Egypt, Mr
Adel El-Gazzar, was the host at a huncheon of the Association of Foreign Affairs Journalists held yesterday at the Savile Club, London WI.

Luncheons

Canada-UK Chamber

Mr Sergio Marchi, Canadian Minister for International Trade, was the guest of honour and meaker at a huncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Cham-ber of Commerce held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr. John Bridgeman, president, was in the chair. The High Commissioner for Canada and the Agent General for British Columbia

those present. Monday Luncheon Club Mr John H. Murray was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Monday Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel Mr Roland Shaw presided.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr David Bell was the guest speaker at the final meeting of the autumn session of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Church news

The Rev Peter Wells, half-time Vicar, North Lambeth Team (Southwark): to be half-time Chaplain, Trinity Hospice (same

The Rev Kathryn Windslow, Priest-in-Charge, Scotton w Northorpe (Lincoln): to be Local Ministry Officer, and licensed general preacher (same diocese). The Rev Christopher Woadden, Team Vicar, Great and Little Coases w Bradley (Lincoln): to be Vicar, Holton-le-Clay and Temey (same diocese).

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. Bates and Miss T.A. Norris The engagement is announced between Torn, only son of Mr Timothy Bates and Mrs Margaret Bates, of Warwick, and Tanya. youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs William Norris, of Alcester, Warwickshire.

Mr S.D-L. Benticy and Miss T.J. Holman The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Bentley, of Norwood Hill, Surrey, and Tracey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Holman, of Heathfield, East Sussex

Mr A. Cave and Miss H.F. Karney and Miss H.F. Karney
The engagement is announced
between Adam, son of Mrs Anne
Abdulla and the late Dr Abdulla,
of Ealing, London, and Helen,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick
Karney, of East Hanney,
Oxfordshire.

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Mr A.V. Ractliff Mr A.V. Raction
and Miss V.S. Roots
The engagement is announced
hetween Anthony, son of Mr and
Mrs Tim Ractiff, of Little
Thakeham, Sussex, and Veronica,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan
Roots, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr A.R. Samad and Miss K.M. Edwards The engagement is announced between Askandar Romano, only son of Mrs Riaz Samad and Mr Ziaus Samad, of Lahore, Pakistan, and Rome, Italy, and Katharine

Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Edwards, of Southwell, Noninghamshire. Mr M.P. Sartori and Miss B.M. Clifton

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Sartori, of Burwash, East Sussex, and Belinda, younger daughter of Mr John Clifton and the late Mrs Buffy Clifton. of Upham, Hampshire Dr A.F.M. Stone

and Dr S. Michaelides The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Dr and Mrs W.D. Stone, of Tollerton, North Yorkshire, and Sophia, eldest daughter of Mr C. Michaelides and Mrs J. Ruempol, of Rotter-

Latest wills

ds 7, the Netherlands.

Wilfred George Lucius Flather. opthalmic surgeon, of More-cambe, Lancashire, left estate valcambe, Lancashire, len estate varued at E1,125,404 net.
He left his pictures to the Abbot Hall art
guilery. Rendal, Cumbria, his house to
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and Lakeland Continuing Care Trust,
the Abbeytheld (Lancashire Society, and
Guide dogs for the Biland. Anne Margaret Davies, of Brecon. Powys, left estate valued at £1.888.488 net. Edmund Radcliffe Scott Grice, of

Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. left estate valued at £696,673 net. Vera Dumville Garner Howe, of Hove, East Sussex, left estate valued at £524,696 net. Janet Dorothea Ernestine Michael, of Croydon, Surrey, left estate valued at £804,345 net.

Leonard George Oxford, of Penarth, South Glamorgan, left estate valued at £1,302,124 net. Beryl Perkins, of Blackwell, Worcester, left estate valued at FSOS 4OS net Elizabeth Mary Sheldon, of

London SWI, left estate valued at E1,636,904 net. Neryl Rosemary Lymington, Hampshire, left estate (valued at £717,427 net. Marjorie Carr Wallace, of Stoneygate, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £541,967 net. Joseph Stanley Weyman, of London N2, left estate valued at El.512.972 met.

Georgina Barbara Wright, of Newbury, Berkshire, left estate valued at £838.107 net.

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OWNES - On December 8th
1997 peacefully at Hove.
Priscilla, beloved mother of
Aidem Corinna & Mark.
Service on Friday 12th
December Woodvale
Cramatorium Lewes Road
Brighton at 12.15pm.

ASIMAM - On December 3rd 1997 peacefully in hospital, Jane Edgeworth-Eastham MSE aged 78 years. Femeral at Surrey Crematorium, Crawley, Wednesday December 10th at 200pm. No flowest please, dometions to Ardinal Welfary Trust, Tolean May Wesfeed Balbare

EDGE - Captain George CBE MN of Acerlington Lancashire, Pencefully on November 24th 1997 aged 2. Loving husband of the late has and father of Katharine and William.

EWING - June (née Hay), of Tokyo, Chicago and London. Feacefully in The Royal Marsdan Hospital on December 6th. Dearly beloved wife of John and greatly loved mother of Masindi, Lare and Junes also dear grandmother and sister to Betty. Service on 15th December at Christichusch, Chelses 11.00 am. In Best of flowers donations to The Royal Marsdem. Many thanks to all the staff at the hospital.

PELTON - Marie Elizabeth on Wednesday 3rd December 1997 peacefully passed away in her 88th year at Burwash Common East Sessex late of East Sheen much loved by many over her long and happy life not least of all by her son Richard and brother Roy. Funeral Service at Christchurch East Sheen, 200pm on Thursday 11th December. "Flowers understandably have always been greatly loved". Funeral Directors Austron Harbins, enquiries Tel: 0181 788 1790.

GLOVER - December 7th psecefully in Harrogate in her 90th year. Molly beloved wife of the late Charles, desrly loved mother of Ann, Michael, Judy and Tony. Service at the Harrogate Crematorium Friday December 12th at 3pm.

#### PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 BIRTHS

# ive at peace among pre-selves. We arge you, friends, to rebulke the idle, encour-nge the faint-hearted, support the weak, and be patient with everyone. I Thessalomians 5: 13,14

**RIRTHS** 

BARTLETT - On December 4th at The Portland Hospital to Justine and Christopher, a daughter Megan Amelia Jade. TODO - On December 6th to Susanna (née Rillyand) and John, a son, James Temple Maciero. suckley - On December 7th 1997 to Tiffany (née Maylam) and Timothy a drughter, Tamara, a sister for Tabitha. MATSOM BROWN - On 15th November 1997 to Easy Judd and Hugo Watson Brown, a son, John a brother for Tom. WEARE - On 6th December to Arms (nose Calls) and Mark, a drughter Alice Samb.

CARBONS - On 4th December, to Anno (née Young) and Marius, a son, Zomilly James Prancis. Francis.
COOKSON - On December 4th,
1997 to James and Emily, a
daughter (Amelia, Rose).
CUGHH - On December 4th at
The Portland Hospital to
Fabienne (née Vincent) and
Sergio, a daughter Vincess.
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DUNN - To Roberta (nee Gorby) and Tom, on 24th November 1997 in Sydney, 2

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GARDHER - On December 4th
1997 at Queen Charlotte's,
to Amanda and Andrew, a
daughter, Harrier Martida
Stewart, a stever for Thomas
and Madeleine.
Harrier Ton Wintte Y - To
Magdalen (née Evams) and
James, on 21st November, a
son, William Joseph.

LEACH - On 4th December to
Robin and Flora (née
Easdale) a daughter,
Crtherine, sister to Charlie.

MAGRIES - On 6th December to Anis Annie (nie Reres) and Jason, a daughter Matikia Gence Carol. PARICER - On December 2nd at

PASCOE - On November 16th to Julianne (Martin) and Richard, a beautiful son, Michael Luis. ROHMER - On December 4th at The Portland Hospital to Lori and Ernst, a daughter, Catherine Nicole, a sister for

Sir Anthony van Dyck, painter, London, 1641; Sir Arthur Pearson, newspaper proprietor. London, 1921; Dame Edith Sitwell, poet, London, 1964; Karl Barth, theologian, Basel, 1968; Ralph Johnson The first executions took place at The first episode of Coronation

MARK.
THEOBALD-CRAIG - On
December 5th 1997 to
Lesley Theobald and Andrew
Craig a son, Harry James
Charles.

THOMPSON - On December

5th at The Portland Hospital to Rachel and Mark, a son

ALEN - Alison Stella, younger daughter of Dr. Alfred and Stella Brown of Mischinhumpun and widow of Michael Allen, peacefully on 8th December at Reson House, Tetbury. Futeral Service at Minchinhumpun Pazish Chauch Glos on Priday 12th December at 230pm, Demetions in lieu of Gowas may be sent for the Mischinhumpton Centre for the Edenly clo Philip Ford & Son Futeral Directors, Unicted House, Chinacoss Road, Stroad, Stroad, Stroad, Stroad, Stroad, Stroad, Stroad, Stelland, Ledy EHEL).

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Ather - Helen (Lety EHM.)
Died peacefully on
Wednesday December 4th
1997, in Cambridge, where
whe had lived for the last 37
of her 94 years. The funeral
termnony will be at
Cambridge Crematorium,
East Chapel, on Friday
December 12th at 10,00 am.
Family flowers only pleuse.
Family flowers only pleuse.
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payable to SHELLIER and
sent c/o Co-operative
Funeral Service, 34 James
Street, Cambridge, UK.
BOARMS - On December 4th.

Street, Cambridge, UK.
SCARRAS - On Decomber 4th,
Arthur Thomas aged 7I
years, at home. Beloved
Rusband of Ana and deathy
loved Father of Edward and
Susunah. Fursal at
Tunbridge
Vells
Commentation of Picker 12th

Susunah. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells: Cremstorium on Prichy 12th December at 3.00pm. Flowers or dountions to Hospico in the Wenid, clo LR. Hickmott & Son. 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunkridge Wells, Kant TM1 18D.

### Liverpool University will confer

the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on the Chief Rabbi, Dr

# PERSONAL COLUMN

Gordon CHE, MC (BHI). On Sth December 1997, peacefully at his home in France, aged 83. Streeh loved husband, father and grandfather. Extrace family funeral Memorial service in London to be symmomend.

GRAY - Ridget Freilyn died passefully at home on 8th December. Wife of the late Peter and the late Judith and passefully at home on 8th December. Wife of the late Peter and the late Judith and Queen's Chaplain a Sung Euchariast to be held in Fuderal Cartes and Carent Father-in-lave of Julian, Fallippa and Mark. The funeral WII be held at Ashby 3t. Many Church neer Korwich at 2pm on Monday 15th December. Family flowers only but doorstons in lieu if desired, for Work. DWE - JP., Jack of Helion Bumpstead, Haverhill

studensfield Parish Church Preservation Work. Collection plats at Church or send to the Farish Church Treasurer 32, Bristlyn Avenue, Birchencliffe, Buddersfield.

NORTH - Pamela Susan, widow of Roger North of Rougham, King's Lynn, Norfolk. Died 6th December at home, Fundral at Rougham Wadnesday 10th December 12:00 noon. Ramby Lowers.

LYALL - Jean Stephenson of Chideock Denset pescefully on Sunday 7th December 1997, wite of Asthur, nother of David, Allson and Ress. Frivate creation. Donations for Asthurite and Insumatism Council cio A J Walkely & Sons 91 Hast Street, Reidport Durset - tal-01308 423726.

MOUNT - Evelyn Ewen (née Macdonald) wife of the inte Col. B. S. Mount (Bobbie) of Denastead suddenly but personially on December 6th, aged 88, Greatly missed by her daughburs Iona, Wendy, and Deborah. Her greatchildren, great greatchildren and countiese litends. Funeral Service to take place at 51 Mary's Church, Charthan near Canterbury on Friday 12th December at 300 pm. Frantly Downers only, but daugitions if desired to 52 Chistopher's Hough of 51-59 Lawrie Fash Houd, Sydenham \$226 GDE.

ROWE - On 7th December at home, Chadr Richard Moncrieff Rome Offic RW (RtQ). Paneral 11.15 12th December at St Mary The Virgin, Gover Sedwyn. Annily Howers only, denations if desired to RRLI West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ.

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### LORD WYATT OF WEEFORD

Lord Wyatt of Weeford, former Labour MP, chairman of the Tote, 1976-97, and newspaper columnist, died on December 7 aged 79. He was born on July 4, 1918.

oodrow Wyatt was a card. Never a wholly sucfigure, he exercised far more influence than many who were. That influence lasted through the latter half of the 20th century - during which time his views developed from left-wing socialism in the 1940s to support of Thatcherite Conservatism (though he always sat as a crossbench peer) in the 1980s.

Although his political talents were not to be entirely fulfilled, his energy and influence as a journalist were immense. For the best part of 50 years he was a newspaper columnist. He started in the Co-op-owned Reynolds News, ended as the "Voice of Reason" on the News of the World and took in along the way more than a decade as an oped page columnist on The Times. For the later half of the 1950s he was one of the best-known figures on British television serving as a star reporter on Panorama in its golden days under Michael Peacock. For the last 21 years, until just months before his death, he had operated as a highly visible, if equally controver-sial, chairman of the Tote, a post to which he had first been appointed by Roy Jenkins as a Labour Home Secretary and in which he was three times renewed by Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister (at least once in defiance of Home Office advice).

It was parliamentary politics, however, with which Wyatt originally fell in love - and he never quite succeeded in getting the bug out of his system. First elected a Labour MP in the postwar Labour landslide of 1945, he only once briefly held office - being appointed Under-Secretary at the War Office in April 1951 just six months before the Attlee Government was defeated at the October 1951 general election.

That time, he later explained, was for him one of rapture" - but for Wvatt. who lost his seat in Birmingham through redistri-

bution at the 1955 election, it was never to be repeated. When his hero, Hugh Gaitskell, tried to appoint him to the Opposition frontbench after the 1959 election, in which Wyatt returned to the Commons as MP for Bosworth, he discovered his way blocked by an implacable veto from his Chief Whip, Bert Bowden.

After Gaitskell's death in 1963 - and his replacement in Labour's leadership by Harold Wilson - Wyatt found himself forced finally to say farewell to his political dreams. There was no offer of office from the new regime, and he soon took his place in the awkward squad of the Wilson Labour Party, playing a particularly effective part (along with his confrère Des-mond Donnelly) in holding up the re-nationalistion of steel in the 1964-66 Parliament. In 1970, against all expectations, he lost the then mining seat of Bosworth to a Conservative.

But his influence went well beyond the Commons. A confidant of Margaret Thatcher from her days as Leader of the Opposition, he was close to the heart of the revolution which took place in British politics during the 1980s. He was one of several ex-socialists who understood much better what the new Prime Minister was doing than did most traditional

In return, besides renewing

his tenure at the Tote (the last time only days before she was forced out of No 10), Mrs Thatcher rewarded his devotion with a knighthood in 1983 and a life peerage in 1987. His loyalty to the Tory leader carried on initially with John Major - though there was a bad falling-out over the sacking of Norman Lamont in May 1993 (a decision on the part of Major that Wyatt denounced on BBC TV's Newsnight). Relationships, however, were repaired suffi-ciently for Wyatt confidently to predict in the columns of The Times a victory for Major by a majority of "around 30-40" at the general election last May. Son of an Esher prep school

headmaster and nephew of the England cricket captain, R. E. S. Wyatt, Woodrow Lyle Wyatt was educated at Eastbourne College and at Worces-ter College, Oxford, where he took a second in law and edited an undergraduate mag-



azine (he later went on to found and edit the periodical English Story, which survived until 1950). Largely apolitical at Oxford — where he put on a plausible imitation of the early Evelyn Waugh — his Labour Party allegiance originated in a long vacation he spent working for Tom Harrisson of Mass-Observation in Bolton. For the first time he saw how working people lived in prewar Britain, and it shocked

Clashes with authority continued during his service in the Second World War. He reached the rank of major and was mentioned in dispatches, but at one point was nearly court-martialled when he told a senior officer what he thought of him. It was a pattern to be repeated when he entered politics, which in the spirit of the times meant joining the Labour Party. He was elected Labour MP

for Birmingham, Aston, at 27 - having defeated Roy Jenkins for the candidature at the selection conference - and became, in addition to being the voungest, one of the betterknown government backbenchers in the postwar

Parliament. He was regarded - and not without reason, since he wrote first for the New Statesman and then for Tribune — as being on the Left of the party. Sir Stafford Cripps took him as a personal assistant on his 1946 mission to India, and Wyatt thus played a minor role in the settlement leading to Indian independence and the creation of Pakistan, an experience he was recently to recall in The Spectator.

He never, to put it mildly, fitted into the working-class ambience of the Labour Party, still less into the austere tradition as represented by the Webbs and Stafford Cripps, a minister whom otherwise he idolised. But in the 1940s and 1950s there were enough kindred spirits around - notably Roy Jenkins, Anthony Crosland and, indeed, Gaitskell himself — for Wyatt not to look too out of place

When his constituency was redistributed, he stood in the 1955 general election for the Tory-held seat of Grantham. He lost, but in circumstances that meant he was immediately launched on a new career, because he found during the his party image by becoming a

party's rightwing gave up the attempt to defend him.

He certainly had not helped

practising capitalist, buying his local paper, the Banbury Guardian, and expanding it into a chain of web-offset local newspapers, the first in Britain to feature colour. But the enterprise overtaxed his resources and, following his divorce from his third wife, Moorea Hastings, the daughter of the Earl of Huntingdon, he had to draw in his horns. That did not stop him from buying a racehorse, and in 1976 he was appointed chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board. Opinions of his success in

that post continue sharply to differ. For his supporters he turned the state-owned bookmaking service around converting a loss-making institution into one that annually makes a handsome profit. But to his critics, who included the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, he was altogether too unadventurous - more interested in such blue-riband occasions as the annual Tote lunch at the Hyde Park Hotel than in any genuine attempt at bringing one of the last centralised state corporations into the modern world. Where perhaps both his critics and admirers came together was in an uneasy sense that his 21-year occupancy of this £95,000 salaried post amounted to the less satisfactory side of personal political patronage.

Not that Wyatt himself ever seemed to feel any discomfort about his prolonged racing reign. He was in many ways a nostalgic figure — someone who would have felt as much at home during the Regency era as he did in Marg aret Thatcher's Britain. His

political advice was always much sought. Yet to claim that he was simply a courtier is slightly to miss the point. He was determined to be a "character" - and that meant being his own man. Lord Wyatt was married

four times. There was a son, Pericles, of his third marriage to Lady Moorea Hastings. He now lives in California. His daughter, Petronella, by his fourth marriage to Verushka Banszky, is the deputy editor of The Spectator. She survives her father together with her

CARL G. HEMPEL

**PROFESSOR** 

Carl G. Hempel, philosopher of science. died on November 9 aged 92. He was born on January 8, 1905.

CARL G. HEMPEL was the last survivor of the Vienna circle of logical positivists. They and the logical empiri-cists had significant philo-sophical differences, but the two groups were in close communication. Both emphasised the scientific approach to philosophy, in contrast to the speculative and mystical approaches that dominated much of Western philosophy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Their work relied heavily on the logical systems expounded by Whitehead and Russell in Principia Mathematica.

Most of Hempel's work deals with problems that lie at the foundations of the sciences, physical, biological and social. His most significant work deals with the nature of scientific explanation, on which he was probably the pre-eminent 20th-century authority. A paper he wrote with Philip Oppenheim, Stud-ies in the Logic of Explanation (1948), has been characterised as the fountainhead from which virtually all work on this topic in the second half of the century has flowed. His magnum onus on this

subject is the principal piece in his Aspects of Scientific Explanation and Other Essays in the Philosophy of Science (1965). The other essays in that book break new ground in topics such as scientific confirmation, the nature of scientific theorising and the meanings of concepts in science. Like all of his writings they ally exceptional clarity and philosophical profundity. Aspects is widely used as an introduction to the philosophy of science for advanced philosophy students; his 1966 book Philosophy of Natural Science is a highly successful introduction at a more elementary level.

Another important work was his 1952 monograph Fundamentals of Concept Formation in Empirical Science, which was published in the International Encyclopaedia of Unified Science. This compendium of 19 monographs by scientifically minded philosophers and philosophically in-

clined scientists aimed to incorporate the main results of logical positivism and logical empiricism, along with those of closely related schools such as American pragmatism.

Carl Gustav Hempel, informally known as Peter, was born in Oranienburg, Germany, and studied mathematics, physics and philoso-phy at Göttingen, Heidelberg,



Vienna and Berlin. His training in maths and science was rare for philosophers at the time. It signalled his lifelong commitment to the precise methods of these disciplines. In 1934 he received his doctorate in Berlin for work on probability under Hans Reichenbach, the founder of the school of scientific philosophy known as logical positivism.

Although not Jewish, Hempel so abhorred the anti-Semitism of Hitler's regime that he moved to Belgium in 1935, and then to the US in 1938. He held a research post at Chicago University, and then taught at the City College of New York, Queens College and Yale before serving as Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Princeton, 1955-72. In retirement he took a chair at Pittsburgh, teaching and researching until 1985.

The holder of Fulbright and Guggenheim fellowships, he was also a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioural Sciences at Stanford. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the American Philosophical Society, and a corresponding member of the British Academy.

Hempel's first wife died in 1944. He is survived by his second wife, Diane Perlow. and by a son and daughter.

### GEORGE CHISHOLM

George Chishelm, OBE, jazz trombonist and humorist died in Milton Keynes on December 6 aged 82. He was born in Glasgow on March 29, 1915.

IT WAS no accident that George Chisholm called his own band the Gentleman of Jazz. From his earliest days on the British jazz scene, when he came south from Scotland in 1935 to join Teddy Joyce's

band, to his appearances as a soloist in his final playing years, Chisholm was both one of the music's great gentlemen and one of its most original solo players.

His mellifluous, yet swinging style was immediately identifiable, and he developed the hallmark of the truly great jazzman, a unique solo voice. He was one of the handful of British jazz musicians who became internationally famous in the prewar period, through his work with Benny Carter and Fats Waller, and he continued to be a major force through his years with the Squadronaires and Kenny Baker's Dozen. In addition, he brought his comic as well as his musical skills to The Goon Show and The Black and White Minstrel Show, becoming a regular bit-part player in film and television comedy in the 1960s and 1970s.

Born into a musical family, Chisholm first played profes-

sionally as a cinema pianist in Glasgow. After touring with a children's concert party, an experience which perhaps inspired the striped vest, bowler and black tights he habitually wore thereafter for his comic routines, Chisholm gravitated to trombone and work in various local dance bands. After he came to London to

work with Joyce, his main prewar employer was Am-brose in whose ban Chisholm played until after the outbreak

of war. During this time, he also travelled to Holland with Benny Carter, and cut several discs with the American saxophonist, who was in Britain to arrange for the BBC dance orchestra.

campaign that he had a talent

for the still young medium of

television. The famous Ameri-

can commentator, Ed Mur-

row, happened to visit Grantham in the course of

reporting the 1955 election for

the American public. The then

assistant head of Talks, Tele-

vision, Grace Wyndham

Goldie, chanced to see the

American broadcast and Wy-

att was recruited to

Abrasive interviewing was

regarded by the BBC at that

time as very daring. Wyatt

used it to expose, among other

things, Communist ballot-rig-ging in the ETU. He himself

regarded this "as the best thing I ever did" — though in

the Labour Party of that time

there were, naturally, those

who were a good deal less

enthusiastic. These tended to

be the very same people who

never forgave him for his

characterisation of Frank

Cousins, the leader of the

Transport and General Work-

ers' Union, as "the bully with the block vote". When he came out for a Lib-Lab pact in 1962

- complete with a list of seats

that each party should fight at

the next election — even the

Panorama.

When the call came to join Fats Waller in the "Continen-tal Rhythm" assembled by Leonard Feather to record for HMV in 1938, Chisholm was on honeymoon in Jersey, but he flew back to participate in the session. He always re-membered: "While we were making those records Fats used to have a bottle of John Haig on the piano and would take a swig every now and then!"

In 1939 Chisholm was a member of a short-lived collective band that attempted to survive by playing jazz to the exclusion of light dance music. The Heralds of Swing came to little owing to the outbreak of war, but proved to be the genesis of the RAF No 1 Dance Orchestra known as the Squadronaires, in which Chisholm played and arranged. This was one of the very best British jazz groups of the swing era, even if its musicians had to conform to RAF discipline. Chisholm recalled that he and fellow trombonist Eric Breeze rehearsed many of their band arrangements in the gents lavatory at RAF

Uxbridge.
After the war Chisholm remained with the Squadronaires until 1950, going on to

B.B.C. AFTER THE WAR

Mr. Brendan Bracken, the Minister of Information, was the principal guest at a luncheon given by Sir Allan Powell, the chairman, and the Board of Gover-

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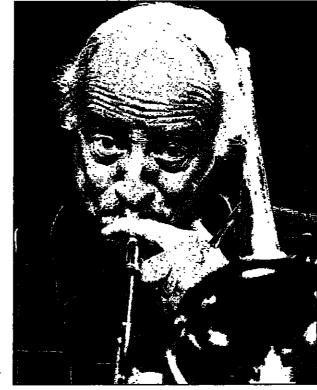
Their fighting men were among the

most appreciative listeners, though

doubtless some of them were willing to

suggest improvements or additions to

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join Cyril Stapleton's BBC Showband. His professionalism and big band experience led him to spend long periods in such relatively anonymous company, including the ATV Orchestra and the Black and White Minstrels, but his jazz credentials remained intact through a series of first-rate broadcasts and recordings with Kenny Baker and his

Dozen - or Half dozen. Baker wrote recently: "He was held

in high esteem; a great player and a great individualist. Everybody knew when George played that that was 'Chis'." In the 1960s and 1970s Chisholm varied his regular showband duties by appearing on numerous recordings

(including Sandy Brown's ec-

centric jazz version of Hair

lin), and working as a guest soloist with Alex Welsh, an association begun at Michael Webber's South Bank Salute to Satchmo concerts. Chisholm's role in these events was particularly signif-

which also involved Kenny

Wheeler and John McLaugh-

icant as he had actually worked with Louis Armstrong, having been co-opted Armstrong's backing band for a December 1950 concert in aid of Hungarian relief. His fame as a soloist led him into a commercial partnership with Boosey and Hawkes, for whom he endorsed trombones.

Chisholm overcame a heart attack in 1978, to return to an international playing career. often appearing at the Nice festival and in various US events notably the regular Denver Jazz Parties. He was appointed OBE in 1984 for services to jazz, and his prolific recording career is documented in a discography by Clutten and Gallichan, republished earlier this year by Gerard

Bielderman. Despite a series of successful appearances in 1990 with the tenorist Spike Robinson, Chisholm was forced by recurrent health problems into a lonely retirement, isolated from the jazz world and no longer able to play his beloved trombone.

His wife predeceased him: he is survived by son and a

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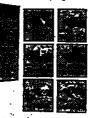
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# to bring in law for interest on late payments

BARBARA ROCHE, the Small Business Minister, has decided to introduce a law enabling small businesses to claim interest on late payments, in spite of a mixed caction to the proposal.

A Bill to bring in the new law is imminent, and may be published as early as this week

Mrs Roche called for comments after putting forward a range of proposals to help small businesses in July. The Department of Trade and Industry describes the size of the response as "encouraging". Certainly, Mrs Roche believes she has sufficient backing for the measures she plans to introduce.

The consultation period ended in October and the minister had promised to publish the Bill by the end of December. With Christmas looming, that effectively means by the end of next week.

Mrs Roche will disclose that a statutory right to interest on late payment is supported by the overwhelming majority of small firms.

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That view is supported by a survey by NatWest Bank published yesterday showing that just over half of small firms favour a statutory right to interest. One in ten firms said that more than 30 per. cent of invoices remained unpaid after 90 days. Late payment remains a particular problem in the con-

struction industry. Peter Ibbetson, head of small business services for NatWest, says: "Legislation will inevitably encourage businesses to improve

payment practices. Small businesses have learnt to accommodate late payment into their business strategy, not because they want to, but because it is a fact of life."

However, the Bill is likely to meet opposition on the grounds that small businesses are often themselves late payers and that they will be reluctant to demand interest from big, important clients.

Sceptics can point out that the NatWest survey showed that small businesses do not consider late payment to be as pressing a problem as it was ten years ago, mainly because it has become more widely accepted as a fact of life. Mr Ibbetson concedes that a significant minority, 40 per cent, think that a statutory right to interest would be ineffective.

Mrs Roche's package to help small businesses will show that the consultation period has made little change to her thinking. She will set tough targets for government departments and their agencies and introduce performance tables for central and local government.

A free guide to credit manage-ment and debt recovery will be produced with the Institute of Credit Management. Trade associations, Business Links and business advisers will be encouraged to give guidance on credit management.

The Better Payment Practice Group, consisting of small firms' organisations and representatives of the credit management sector, will propose measures to improve the payment culture.

# Roche poised Rocking horses go round the world

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BY DAVID ASKHAM

GETTING started in business is tough. The flow of orders and cash can vary enormously from month to month, especially when the items sold are comparatively

Robert Mullis set up in the recession making rocking horses that cost up to £1,500, but, by using common sense, he was able to survive the early lean times. He says: "Lloyds Bank in Swindon were fantastic. They

stood by me in the early days and have watched me grow. In part I claim some credit because I went out of my way to keep them informed of good and bad months so they knew what was going on."
When orders were slack he

took on other work to get by. The task of aiming his advertising at publications that would produce orders proved to be a matter of trial and error. Surprisingly, orders come from right across the social spectrum.

Now his Wiltshire workshop is bursting at the seams with historic rocking horses awaiting restoration and repair, and new ones the course of being

constructed.

Mr Mullis has been working full-time for eight years in his garden workshop near Swindon and has rarely been without a full order book. He covers practically every facet of making rocking horses himself, except for saddlemaking and leatherwork, which he sub-contracts to a local master saddler.

His wife, Pauline, assists parttime with the non-craft side of the business, dealing mainly with publicity, brochure writing and business accounting.

Mr Mullis started his working

life as an apprentice in agricultural woodworking and carpentry. However, about 15 years ago, during a spell of illness, his



Robert Mullis, a former agricultural woodworker, found his bank backed his rocking horse venture

creativity took a new direction and he decided to carve a rocking horse. It was good enough to find a buyer and it became the first of many high-quality horses to can-ter out of his workshop. Nowadays, Mr Mullis's rocking horses can be found in many corners of the world.

Markets have included America, Europe, Japan, Russia and

The workload is divided fairly evenly between restoring rocking

horses and building new ones, but is shifting more towards new

Fashions also influence the type of horses ordered. Last year Mr Mullis made more polished horses, whereas this year there has been a preference for painted dappled greys.

He offers several permutations of horses. Their five sizes range from 21-inch miniatures to the extra-large 57 inches. Horses can be supplied on traditional bow

rockers or on safety stands. Finally there is a choice of

material, such as oak, ash, beech or walnut, and of finish, which can be hand-polished or painted according to requirement.

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and Industry, which wants it to be the definitive Internet site for small busi-

ness. The aim is to give quick access to other sites that are authoritative, easy to use and regularly updated. Businesses, whether starting up, planning growth, or needing to maintain profits, should find practical advice and save time locating new customers, finance and technical information. It is

■ Sourcing finance is the subject on which firms most frequently need

information, followed by guidance on how to increase sales and help with information technology, according to Business Links, which help more than

Taste of the West, the food group that promotes West Country produce, will hold its first show aimed at overseas buyers in Exeter on February 25 and 26. More than 100 small business exhibitors are expected, showing mainly West Country fare. Taste of the West was set up by Food from Britain, which helps producers to market goods at home and abroad. Exhibition inquiries: 01392 440745.

#### Network aims to link firms in Sussex and France

BY SALLY WATTS

AN AMBITIOUS new networking venture is to link smaller Sussex businesses with their counterparts in northern France, with the aim of promoting mutual growth. Sussex Business Link, which is pioneering the scheme, has secured funding of £163,000 from Brussels. The British Government has contributed

A network broker will be ap pointed in each country to identify sectors, firms and projects that could be linked. Businesses in the French region — Upper Normandy and Somme - will operate through their local Chamber of Commerce

Joint ventures could work in various ways, linking companies in the same field, such as tourism or textiles and clothing, or in complementary fields, such as wine and glassware, or in dissimilar fields, enabling a business in one country to expand by linking with the skills

"It's an open field at the moment," says Richard Bianco, executive director of Sussex Business Link. "By the end of next year, we hope to have 50 to 60 businesses networking in each country."

Sectors flourishing in Sussex include precision engineering, pharmaceuticals, food processing and distribution, mechanical and electronic engineering, and airport and transport-related industries.

One aim is to increase exports. Mr Bianco sees the prospect of Franco-British products being exported to other European countries, and the rest of the world. Networking, he believes, could be extended to other British counties.



"It's December and I still haven't done anything that will win me the Small Business of the Year award"

#### Small firms settle sooner

SMALLER enterprises settle bills more promptly than large com-panies, says a report based on the records of 250,000 businesses by Experian, the credit reference ser-

vice (Brian Collett writes). Peter Brooker, of Experian, said: Small and medium-sized companies take an average of 55 days and 53 days, respectively, to pay their bills, which shows that you don't have to hang on to invoices for as long as possible."

The study found that, on average, privatised utilities take 62 days and big financial services groups 72. Companies with turnover of up to £1 million have to wait 34 days to be paid, against just 17 for those with turnover exceeding £20 million, according to a survey by Trade Indemnity, the international credit insurer. this year is expected to reach 500,000, helped by windfall payments and by growth in the economy, says a Barclays Bank research report, Fundina Your Business...

MADOUT 42 per cent of English parishes with populations of up to 10,000 lack a permanent shop, 70 per cent have no general store and 91 per cent are without a bank or building society branch, according to figures that have been compiled by the Rural Development Commission.

The West Midlands Business Survey says that only 41 per cent of smaller

companies expect business con-ditions in the region to improve in the next six months, reflecting a dip in confidence since last spring. Larger firms are more optimistic and are

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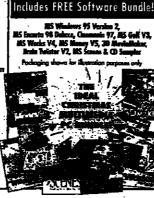
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women's league? Enough lies are told about my gender already, mate.

Student league? Does the University of Life count? Probably not. Still. you know what real-life managers in your position do at this stage of the season, don't you?

They concentrate on the cup. Oh yes, the FA Cup draw. I saw it on Sunday. Some

great ties there. And Peterborough versus Waisall. Even Barry Fry found it hard to summon up any enthusiasm for that

But there are some classic confrontations -Portsmouth against Aston Villa. for instance. A fallen giant,

struggling in the league . . . Is that Portsmouth or Villa? Er, both, I suppose, now you come to mention it. It could go either way, that one. Whereas Arsenal against Port Vale looks a bit of a home banker.

Get some Arsenal players in your ITF team, then. Oh, do FA Cup games count in the ITF leagues? Yes, but there's a separate FA Cup league too, which you are entered for automatically. Players in your team get points based on their performance in cup games and there are replays, of course, so you there are extra opportunities to score points if you're cute about the

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For November's winner, the £1,000 prize was reward for skilful transferring and careful record-keeping

eorge Millington, the £1,000 November winner, whose team, Survivors, accumulated 223 points, saw an opportunity and took it. "I realised ! had a chance of winning for the month of November, so I thought I might as well go for it," Mr Millington said. "Even if I didn't win, I would go up the rankings and have fun. I used a lot of transfers, and it's worked out well."

Mr Millington, who keeps meticulous records, has used 58 different players from 23 different clubs, but has based his success on four semiregulars: Marco Negri, John Hartson, Gary Pallister and

Nigel Winterburn.
"I've had Negri in for every game he's played," he said.
"I've transferred him out when Rangers haven't played, and I've only left Hartson out once. He scored while he was out of my team, but in the meantime I got ten points from Olofsson and seven points with Larsson and then transferred Hartson back in." Canny scrutinising of fixtures meant that Mr Millington was able to maximise his profit from his players. "I've scored 31 from Pallister, although he's got 29 at the moment; I transferred him out for the last two games in favour of Matt Elliott, who scored me 13. 1 transferred Winterburn out when he had 27 points because I knew Arsenal had four hard games. Instead I used Boyd, Jones and Guppy and scored 19."

Mr Millington, a long-time supporter of Sheffield Wednesday, also used 17 different





midfield players last month, for a return of 77 points. Other winners include Mr David Ho, of Liverpool, who came out on top in the Internet section thanks to the some familiar names in his team, UK Best Five: Peter Schmeichel, Elliott, Neil McCann and, inevitably,

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Lewis Boys 11, the team chosen by Daniel Lewis of Edgware, Middlesex, the monthly winner (with 178 points) and current leader of the youth league. He receives a signed football, a Mitre sportsbag and tickets to the premier league game of his choice, as does Margaret Johnstone of Greenock the winner of the women's league. Mrs Johnstone, who sup-

ports Glasgow Rangers, decided to "give it a bash" this year for the first time with the help of James, her son, and the not inconsiderable assistance of the point-scoring of two Rangers players. Jorg Albertz and. of course, Negri. Also currently in her team is Regi Blinker, a Celtic player. Any soul-searching there? "It's for the points," she said. Mrs Johnstone hopes to use her pair of tickets to a premier league game at the next Old Firm encounter at Ibrox; she expects James to assume custody of the signed football.

Tim Gardner, of Banbury, whose entry, "6 Chumbawumbas" has been a regular in the upper reaches of the students' league, scored 162 points over the month to win the monthly award for the section. His transfer record includes considerable rotation among goalkeepers - David Seaman, Gilles Rousset, David James and, finally, Keith Branagan of, have all appeared. But, you ask, is Marco Negri in his team? Silly question.

NICK SZCZEPANIK

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George Millington, right, £1,000 richer, receives his award from Wednesday's Andy Booth

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# Guide to players, transfers and revaluations

What happens to players who have been revalued in ITF? Stan Collymore or Ian Walker may have an answer

ne weekend on from the second player re-valuation of the ITF season, some players seemed set on confounding the

Having £2 million removed from his valuation appeared to have taken an equivalent weight off the shoulders of Stan Collymore, the Aston Villa forward, whose aim in his career so far in the FA Carling Premiership has been to be a walking and, very occasionally, running, personification of Churchill's famous words: a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. His aim was true on Saturday. others have been intent on justifying upward revaluations. Marco Negri, to nother summer. Villa's 3-0 victory over Coventry City was also good news for the home defence, who had been devalued en masse. A clean sheet was an effective answer to the first player to break the first player to break the summer. Willa's 3-0 victory over Coventry City was also good news for the home defence, who had been devalued en masse. A clean sheet was an effective answer to the sound of the control o effective answer to their critics. Robbie Fowler, too, scored decisively from the penalty spot against Manchester United on Saturday morning, while Robbie Earle, who has not reproduced his excellent form of last season, with the result that his ITF valuation fell from £7.5 million to £6 million last week, was on hand to benefit from a defensive error on Sunday and win Wimbledon's home game against Southampton with an



losing at Pride Park on Saturday, was in electric form in the midweek win over Crystal Palace Andy Cole's two goals against Liverpool proved the wisdom of his £2 million price-

Not so fortunate were one or two of the bigger names whose stars have dimmed. With Sol Campbell absent from the Spurs defence, Ian Walker, the goalkeeper, achieved, if that is the correct term, a score of minus eleven on Saturday as

THE DRAW for the third round of the FA Cup has been made, so it is time for ITF players to turn their minds to the new FA Cup league. Tomorrow's edition of The Times will contain full information about this new competition which will run alongside the main ITF league, but with its own prize of £10.000. Existing teams are en-tered automatically, but many competitors will want to enter separate teams tailored to the FA Cup and Scottish FA Cup fixtures. Any team entered between now and noon on Saturday December 13 will have 40 transfers (after that date, 20) available to adapt to the progress of the competition (see pan-el, right, for further details of transferring). So

it is worth checking the

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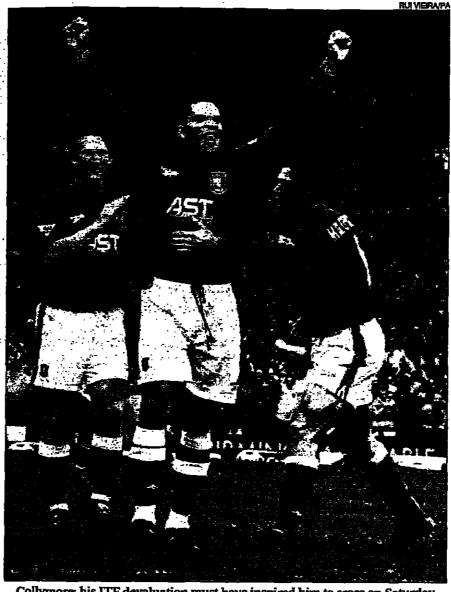
picking your team as soon as possible. In addition to tomor-

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#### THIS WEEK'S MOVES

There are no changes to the ITF player lists this week.

#### **HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER**

 $\hfill\square$  YOU MAY transfer as and when you wish according to your team transfer allowance, if a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You may adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

☐ EACH TEAM that was entered at the start of the season was allocated 60 transfers for the season and each team registering after that date has its number of transfers reduced by three per week up to next Saturday, December 13. All teams registered before noon that day will be allocated an extra 20 transfers. Teams registered after noon on December 13 will be allocated 20 transfers for the rest of the season,

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 $\hfill\square$  YOU MAY make up to four transfers per call but may make as many calls as you wish to achieve the required amount of

TRANSFERS made before 12 noon on any day will become effective for matches starting after that time. Transfers made after 12 noon will become effective for matches starting after 12 noon the following day.

☐ YOUR NEW player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score

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#### Blair backs millionaire minister

■ Tony Blair gave strong backing to Geoffrey Robinson, the multimillionaire Paymaster General, in an attempt to end embarrassment over the minister's offshore financial interests.

As Mr Robinson threatened to sue two Sunday newspapers which made allegations about his financial affairs, the Prime Minister made it clear that he was the kind of "high calibre business person" that he wanted in his Government. He called for an end to the "carping" ..... .....Pages 1, 2

#### Whitehall four-year spending squeeze

Ministers have been warned that the current spending clampdown which has been imposed for two years could last till the end of this Parliament. Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has written to Cabinet ministers telling them to stay within budgets.....

#### Missing girl found

A newspaper agony aunt spoke of her anguish after her 12-year-old daughter went missing from home for 24 hours......Page !

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create a new £80 million

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Runners wearing expensive trainare much more likely to suffer foot injuries, because they believe the claims made in advertisements, according to ....Page 5

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Lawyers for the Moors murderer Myra Hindley said she had been unlawfully singled out for such treatment because of the notoriety of the case.... ... Page 6

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Ann Clwyd,the Labour MP, was cleared of driving through a red light after she turned detective to challenge the police......Page 8

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Nine thousand residents of a town outside Paris were evacuated as troops moved in to defuse a large unexploded bomb left after a British attack in the Second World War .... .. Page 12

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#### Joined-up politics

Yesterday's launch of the social exclusion unit offers, according to Tony Blair, joined-up solutions for joined-up problems. Ministers are still fresh to office and some at least are slightly sickened by the turfwar mentality traditional in their departments Page 19

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For Iran, the 55-nation Islamic Conference is a strike against American attempts to isolate Tehran and a demonstration of its newfound regional muscle......Page 19

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Woodrow Wyatt was one of our last cavaliers. Without him, the world will be a more prosaic place — to be precise, three worlds, politics, the media and racing ...... Page 19

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I for one am sick of being given £80 20p a month which I do not need while in this rich nation there are children who never see a piece of fresh fruit up close, and whose

#### ANATOLE KALETSKY

People who would not dream of bowing to their child's demand for a £500 mountain bike, who feel they cannot afford a piano, and who think they are too poor for a season ticket to the opera, lose all sense of proportion when it comes to buying computers ...... Page 18 PETER LILLEY

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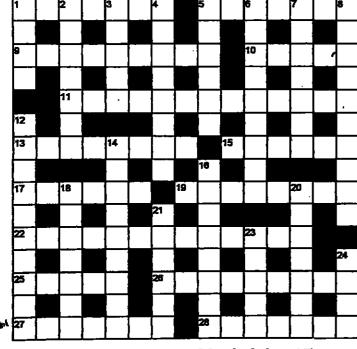
■ Tim Henman, Britain's No 2 tennis player and No I mother-

in-law-'s dream, has been taking tips from John McEnroe,

tennis's most successful snarler, and has concluded that to win,

he needs to be meaner. Hepresan, 23, had a long talk with

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ACROSS Pity one on getting knocked out — one that's boxed (7).

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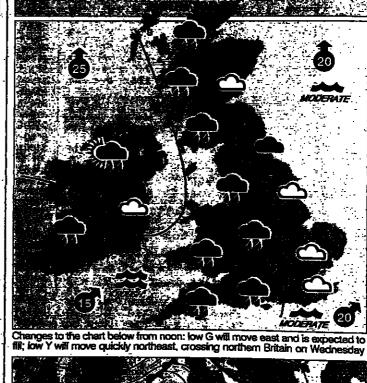
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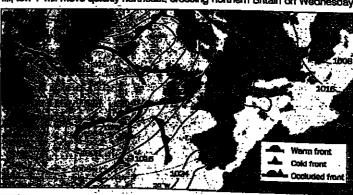
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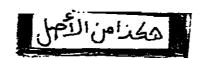




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# Squeeze on high street sales could bring rate cut

**ECONOMICS EDITOR** 

BRITAIN'S booming high streets are beginning to feel the impact of higher interest rates, according to a disappointingly weak report on retail sales in November from the British Retail Consortium, published today. This, together with vesterday's news of a fall in manufacturing output in October, suggests a combination of higher rates and the strong pound is reining in economic growth. Many economists now believe that the next rate move will be downwards.

British Retail Consortium, said yesterday that the 4-point rate rise pushed through by the Bank of England's monetary policy committee last month had been a mistake. "Retailers are feeling very, very depressed. During some periods in November some sectors looked very bleak indeed," she said, while the number of pre-Christmas sales and discounts across a broad spectrum of shops was "unprecedented since we climbed

The BRC's latest sales monitor showed that the value of retail sales was only 1.1 per cent higher than in November last year, the worst year-on-year rate since April 1996 when the figure of 0.4 per cent was distorted by the timing of Easter. The 1.1 per cent figure compares with year-on-year rates of 4.9 per cent in November 1996.

Andrew Sentance, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said that the extent of November's slowdown was surprising. He said: "We may see a bounceback in retail. spending in the run-up to Christmas. But these figures provide the clearest indication yet that slower consumption growth is on the cards for next year."

tics reported a 0.2 per cent fall in manufacturing output in October, which was weaker than City expectations of an

increase of the same magnitude.

Producer prices figures once again showed the impact of the strong pound, which is helping to keep a lid on industry's prices. Input prices for raw materials slumped by 1.9 per cent in November, coinciding with a sharp rise in sterling. Output or factory gate prices edged 0.1 per cent lower, leaving the annual rate only 1 per cent higher than a year ago.

Salomon Smith Barney, cautioned against getting carried away by hints of a slowdown in manufacturing but said that these figures at least do not contradict other signs that the economy is decelerating. "There are still risks that wage deals will rise and force base rates higher but we suspect that base rates have peaked and that, with further signs of slowing growth — plus the disinflationary impact of the high pound — the next rate move will be down," he said.

### Energy dispute threat to RJB contract

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Energy Group, the generator, is threatening to tear up coal deals with RJB Mining in a stand-off with the Government.

The group had agreed to buy 20 million tonnes of coal from RJB over the next five years. However, John Devaney, chief executive, yesterday said that he could call the deal off because the Government's recent moratorium on gas-fired power stations has thrown his strate-

gy into disarray. The move comes after the three big generators to increase stock piles and take other steps to boost the market for coal. Ministers want to avert a crisis in coal that could threaten eight pits and 5,000 jobs.

Mr Devaney said: "We haven't signed the deal yet — it is a headline agree ment. We will sign it when we are ready and that won't be until we know where we stand. We are being asked to do something for the coal industry, but we don't know where we will be in terms of our

Mr Devaney is angry that the moratorium announced last week by Tony Blair to appease the growing coal lobby - prevents conversion of two coal-fired power stations to let them use gas and coal and halts a combined heat and power station. He said: "We want clarification on that and other issues such Commentary, page 29

# City bankers fight for 3,000 jobs in £35bn Swiss merger

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of employees at two City investment banks will have to compete against each other to keep their jobs after their parent companies, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation, merge in a \$59 billion (£35 billion) deal.

Up to 3,000 jobs are to go at the London offices of SBC Warburg Dillon Read and UBS as their new parent, known as the United Bank of Switzerland, integrates the two operations over the next 12 months. The cuts represent just under half of the combined workforces of 6.400.

Mathis Cabiallavetta, the UBS president who becomes man of the new bank said the integration process was not simply a case of reducing one investment bank to "zero". Instead, the best businesses and the best people would be selected from the existing operations.

The deepest cuts are expected to take place in the backoffice and administrative functions, where the overlap between SBC Warburg and UBS is greatest. But the corporate finance and equities teams were given a glimmer of hope when officials said they would entertain offers from potential buyers.

Marcel Ospel, the SBC chief executive who becomes chief executive officer of the combined group, said: "If someone would like to look at some of our businesses or some of our teams then we would listen to them. But it is not part of the integration strategy we have on the table today."

Worldwide, the two banks expect to reduce their workforce from 56,000 to 43,000 as they form the second biggest commercial bank, with assets of nearly \$600



Stairway to global stage: Marcel Ospel, SBC chief executive, left, and Mathis Cabiallavetta, UBS president, will head the combined banking group

billion (£360 billion). Only HSBC group, the parent of Midland Bank, is larger. The marriage also creates the largest fund manager, with assets of \$920 billion.

The new group will focus on four core businesses: private banking, institutional asset management, corporate and consumer banking and investment banking. The asset management business, including PDFM, the UBS subsidiary, will be rebranded as Brinson, after the name of Gary Brinson, the chief executive who sold his Chicago-based fund manager to SBC War-burg a couple of years ago. Mr Brinson sought yester-

day morning to reassure the 420 staff at PDFM, one of

SBC Warburg Dillon Read is poised to triumph in its contest with UBS's investment bank as the operations are merged over the next year (Richard Miles writes).

Not only has it bagged the name — the combined operation will be known as Warburg Dillon Read - but its top executives have already landed most of the top jobs.

Britain's biggest pension fund managers, with £60 billion of assets, that there would be no job losses. He told staff that PDFM would be allowed to retain its independence over the short term, but added that the fund manager might later

Dillon Read takes name and top posts

Johannes de Gier, executive chairman of SBC Warburg Dillon Read, is to head the new division, while his former colleague David Solo

be more closely integrated within the Brinson division. Mr Ospel said the merger would enable the new group to report a consolidated after-tax profit of SF10 billion (£4.1 year 2002, a return on equity

becomes joint chief operating officer with Werner Bonadurer from UBS.

The top jobs in equities, foreign exchange and corpo-rate finance all go to SBC. Warburg Dillon Read executives: Andrew Siciliano, Markus Granziol and Fritz Hobbs, former chief of Dillon' Read, acquired by SBC in May for \$600 million.

of between 15 and 20 per cent, against a current rate of 13-17 r cent. A one-off restructuring charge of SF7 billion taken this year would push both banks into a technical loss for the year, he said.

ommended offer for the com-

pany had now ended. No

names were mentioned, but

Joe Lewis, the Bahamas-based

investor, holds 29.9 per cent in

Pending regulatory approv-

al, the deal will be financed through a share swap. SBC holders will get just over one share per stock, while UBS holders will get a one-for-one trade. SBC holders will control 40 per cent of the stock, UBS's the rest. UBS was advised by Morgan Stanley and SBC by Wasserstein Perella. City analysts said the merger would accelerate consolidation in investment banking.

John Leonard, banking analyst at Salomon Smith Barney. said the deal \*opens an entire new dimension to the impending consolidation in the European banking sector".

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#### BUSINESS TODAY

#### **Amelio** gets \$9m payoff from Apple

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

GILBERT AMELIO, the former Apple chief executive who presided over the decline of the one-time standard bearer of silicon valley, has received a \$9.4 million (£5.6 million) severance payoff. He said the package was "reasonable".

Mr Amelio. 54, was ousted last summer by Steven Jobs, one of Apple's founders, who is pondering whether he wants to take over permanent-

ly as chief executive. Apple was in such bad financial shape when Mr Johs took over that he was forced to seek a \$150 million cash

infusion from Microsoft. During his 17-month stint at Apple, Mr Amelio lost \$2 billion. His severance package includes an annual compensation payment including bonuses of \$2.6 million.

Mr Amelio said: To attract people like me to take on tough, almost impossible jobs you have to give them reason-able, attractive packages."

# Lonrho courts JCI chief

By Jason Nissé

MZI KHUMALO, the former political prisoner who heads JCI, the South Alican mining group, is to be offered a senior powerment movement in South Africa. He will be role at Lonrho if the JCI board grees to a complex £450 offered a senior post, though million bid from Lonrho. not that of chairman.

JCI will say today whether it is willing to discuss the bid. which would put back on track merger talks between Lonrho and JCI, which has an option over 28 per cent of Lonrho's shares. Lonrho is keen to appoint Mr Khumalo to its board because of his connections with Nelson Mandela and the Black Em-

The JCI/Lonrho merger fell apart partially because of the collapse of JCI's share price from 54 rand (E3.10) to a low of 14 rand. Bid talks raised them to 25 rand yesterday.

The deal is expected to involve JCI selling its gold assets to a new company set up by Brett Kebble, a JCI director. Lonrho would then bid for JCI and sell the coal mining business, Tavistock, to Duiker Mining, in which Lonrho has a 61 per cent stake. This would allow Lonrho to buy in JCI's 28 per cent stake in the group and move to-

wards a demerger of mining

#### PDFM must split church fund work with MAM

PDFM, the troubled pension fund manager owned by UBS, is to lose part of the management of the Church of England's pension fund (Caroline Merrell writes).
The board of the £150 million

fund is to appoint Mercury Asset Management to manage half the assets alongside PDFM, which has managed the entire fund for 16 years. Howard Gracey, chairman of the church board, said that

the pension fund had been in the top 10 per cent of funds over the past six years, but added: "Mercury Asset Management's long-term record has also been very good. Their investment philosophy is very different from PDFM, and the two should thus complement one another well."

PDFM has been criticised for switching from UK equities and into cash two years ago, so missing big rises in shares.

# Approach for Christie's

By Jon Ashworth

Christie's - the maximum CHRISTTE'S International, permissible without triggerthe fine art auctioneer, has received a friendly takeover approach — but says the terms ing a mandatory bid.

Mr Lewis bought into Christie's in 1996 through Abel, his investment vehicle. are not attractive enough. Responding to a recent sharp rise in the share price. Shares in Christie's closed up the company said preliminary discussions concerning a rec-

Ip at 250 p yesterday, having bounced from a low of 224 p.
Giles Money Courts, of
Hambros, joint financial adviser to Christie's, said discussions had been amicable, but the terms were deemed not

sufficiently attractive. Price was not the sole consideration, since the interests of staff had to be considered, he said. Christie's lifted pre-tax prof-

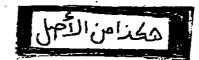
its by 20 per cent to £19 million in the six months to June, according to figures released in September. The Loeb Collection, including works of Cézanne and Renoir, contributed E57 million to total auction sales of E557 million — up 15

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Quarto shares hit by

SHARES in Quarto, the troubled publisher, fell 32p to

692p yesterday, after the group admitted that pressure

on margins and profits in international markets had intensified. Since last year Quarto's share price has collapsed from 316p, with the company blaming currency pressures in Europe, Asia and Australasia.

Laurence Orbach, chairman, said yesterday: The end of the year is a very busy time for Quarto, but it is already apparent that we shall not meet the markets a resist arrest time for

that we shall not meet the market's profit expectations for 1997. "He said that Quarto's core co-edition book business had

performed below expectations, with sales falling by more than

E5 million, and that there had been serbacks in its art print

publishing division and in its UK publishing services division. However, demand for reprints had been strong. "This emphasises the soundness of our overall publishing approach

and the strength of our backlist of titles," Mr Orbach said, "We expect steady improvement over the next year to 18 months."

BRITISH MIDLAND, the short-haul airline, said it

expected 1997 to be its most successful year yet, with pre-tax profits of at least £15 million, up from £6.1 million in 1996.

Sir Michael Bishop, chairman, said that in the ten months

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# HOW DOES Unions hostile to Brown's call for restraint in setting pay

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, linked pay and jobs yesterday when he insisted that responsibility over pay settlements was vital to the Government's Welfare to Work New Deal jobs programme.

But his choice of a trade union conference to make his most forthright call yet for pay restraint brought a hostile response from union leaders. In his pre-Budget statement, Mr Brown included a call for

moderation. He chose his speech to the TUC conference on the £2.5 billion New Deal programme for the young and long-term unemployed to forge a link between restraint in setting wages and the prospects for employment growth. Mr Brown said: "Unemployment can be brought

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A MAJOR rail contract and Private Finance Initiative

deals worth £180 million were

yesterday won by Jarvis, the facilities management, con-

struction and property com-

pany. Jarvis will renew track

lines for Railtrack in an ar-

rangement that could be worth up to £490 million over

Jarvis will renew the lines in

a three-year deal worth £290

million, but the contract could

be extended to five years, which would deliver E490

million. The PFI deals cover building properties for Univ-ersity College, London, and Colfox School in Dorset.

Jarvis, whose chief executive

is Paris Moayedi, acquired Fastline, the rail equipment

group, in the summer. That

takeover was approved by the

Office of Fair Trading (OFT)

despite strong objections from

competitors. Jarvis said yesterday that it was still in

discussions with the OFT over

were £12.7 million, compared

with £4.4 million for the nine

months to September last

year. The company's new year end is March. The

interim dividend, due on

February 4, increased to 2.5p

from 1.6p.

how Fastline should be run. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30

five years.

down through Welfare to Work, tackling skill shortages and bringing more people into work - if we are all prepared

to act responsibly."

Britain must not make the mistakes of the past, he said, allowing wage inflation to push up inflation overall, which would lead to interest rate rises with a threat to jobs.

ment. Setting full employment as the key economic goal, he said: "If full employment comes first, then other demands have to take second place. Full employment places responsibilities on us all. It needs new responsibilities to

Instead, responsibility over pay would allow for both low inflation and low unemployRodney Bickerstaffe, gener-

al secretary of Unison, the largest union, who was appearing on the same platform. said: "It's a question whether everybody is taking the same responsible approach to pay," citing big City bonuses as clear evidence that some were

## CBI digs in over strikes

discuss their proposals.
The agreement includes an

nition deals voluntarily, with a period for voluntary conciliation before any moves to a ballot on recognition. The

derecognition ballots. There are still clear disagreements on statutory recognition, to which the CBI makes it clear today it re-

When you talk about fairness, Chancellor, we're all for it - so long as it is fair." Mr Bickerstaffe also ques-

tioned the element of the New Deal programme that ensures there will be no option of young people being allowed to stay on benefit rather than take part.

Andrew Smith, the Employ-ment Minister, yesterday an-nounced that self-employed people will be able to take part in the programme. He told the conference that the scheme would be open to people working for themselves. Ian McAllister, chairman of

Ford Motor, emphasised the need for full training under the New Deal, and called on companies to join the Government, unions and others in partnership in the pro-gramme. He said: "We have to make this work."

expected

By ADAM JONES

AND OLIVER AUGUST

THE Government is poised to

unveil its blueprint for consoli-

dation in the European aero-

space industry today.

The Department of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Defence are expected to

announce plans for a single

European aerospace company

that would probably start with

British Aerospace and aim to include the likes of Dasa of

Germany, and France's Aérospatiale.

News is also expected on BAe's application for E120 million in loans to help to launch the new Airbus A340-

Airbus Industrie announced

that the two planes would

definitely go ahead at a dev-

elopment cost of \$2.9 billion. even though no UK "launch

aid" decision has been

The competition from the A340-500 and 600 contributed

to a new interruption of

Boeing's civil airplane produc-

tion, after the shutdown of

assembly lines in the autumn.

Development work on Boeing's ultra-long range ver-sion of the 777 was stopped to

"refocus" production and to cut costs at the Seattle base.

500 and 600 airliners.

published.

#### to October 31 turnover was up 16 per cent at £452.2 million. with traffic up 7.1 per cent at 5.1 million passengers. Sir Michael said the airline was confident of taking on new competition from low-cost airlines, including BA's own. **API sterling warning**

API GROUP, the packaging and specialist coatings company, tempered news of a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £14 million for the year to October 4 with a warning the shareholders that the strength of sterling, destocking by the tobacco industry and restructuring costs would adversely affect financial results in the first half of the current year. APT's annual earnings rose 15 per cent to 36.2p a share. The total dividend rises 10 per cent to 12.1p, with a 7.17p final.

#### **Select selects Abraxas**

SELECT APPOINTMENTS (HOLDINGS), the UK recruitment company, is acquiring Abraxas, a provider of specialist IT recruitment services with offices in the UK, America and Australia, for £27.8 million. Abraxas, which is based in London, has more than 800 contractors on assignment, and placed 400 IT personnel in permanent positions in the year to September 30. In the last financial year, the company lifted pre-tax profits 58 per cent to £1.8 million.

#### Lex in Hyundai deal

LEX SERVICE, the automotive distributor, is acquiring the outstanding 49.9 per cent interest it does not already own in Hyundai Car (UK), which has the exclusive right to import Hyundai cars from South Korea into the UK, for £20 million. The business earned £3.1 million operating profits in the first half of 1997, up from £800,000 in the first half of 1996. Lex has managed the business since November 1993, lifting Hyundai's UK market share to 1.2 per cent from 0.5 per cent.

#### CRT races ahead

CRT, the specialist training and recruitment consultancy that has expanded quickly through acquisition, lifted pre-tax profits to £6.97 million from £3.37 million in the half-year to October 31. Earnings were 3.36p a share, up from 2.4p, and the interim dividend is lifted to 1.025p a share from 1p. Turnover of £119.3 million, compared with £55.5 million. The company ended the half year with net cash of £49.7 million, down from £108.97 million a year ago.

# the Government's planned legislation giving unions the legal right to recognition

Industry (CBI) today urges the Government to ban strikes over trade union recognition where employees are being balloted on the issue under Labour's proposed new laws (Philip Bassett writes).

The call comes in an agreement published today jointly by the CBI and the Trades Union Congress, which busi-

will form the framework of where a majority of employ-ees want it. Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, will meet leaders of both organisations today to

mains opposed in principle. Jarvis lands deals worth £470m Aerospace blueprint

Paris Moayedi, of Jarvis, is still discussing the running of Fastline with the OFT

# Walker sells glimpse of betting future to Serbs

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

GEORGE WALKER'S fightback from bankruptcy entered the uncharted territory of Slobodan Milosevic's Serbia yesterday, as the East End entrepreneur gave the Belgrade Hippodrome a glimpse of its satellite TV racing future.

Mr Walker's Cyprus-based Premier Telesport has sprouted another betting affiliate in the former communist bloc Hippo-Toto; the former chief of the collapsed Brent Walker leisure group hopes that Serbs will take to a flutter on satellite images of races from Britain as readily as punters in Pre-mier Telesport's burgeoning markets in Russia, the Baltics and central Asia.

"There's nowhere in the world that doesn't have a market for people who will gamble on horseracing," said the 68-year-old Mr Walker. Behind him a large screen beamed in repeats of races from Towcester and Sandown (written in Cyrillic), intro-duced by a Russian girl in a tight leopardskin dress. An enthusiastic audience of the Serbian racing fraternity and Mr Walker's new east Euro-. pean business associates tucked into a buffet luxurious



by any standards, let alone impoverished Serbia. The centrepiece of the groaning spread was a Hippo-Toto logo, described in pieces of glazed beef and a cream-covered

Mr Walker and his undisclosed partners in Premier Telesport are investing \$4 million (£2.4 million) in the Serb venture, which will begin business next spring with a screening of the Grand Nat-ional at 100 Hippo-Toto outlets throughout Serbia. The venture is 51 percent owned by Premier Telesport, which has exclusive rights to satellite transmission of British horseracing in much of the former communist bloc. The rest is controlled by the staterun Belgrade Hippodrome. Mr Walker's family controls Telesport. which he says is his

### Companies face £30bn bill for switch to euro

By OUR CITY STAFF

**EUROPE'S largest companies** face a total bill of more than E30 billion for conversion to the euro, with an average cost per company of about £19 million, according to a new survey from KPMG Manage-

KPMG researchers found that 62 per cent of respon-dents had not made any estimate of the total costs of adapting to the European single currency and that, of those that have made an estimate, only 68 per cent had allocated a budget for handling the conversion.

The survey also shows that half of European companies believe that the single currency will drive their prices down, but that 77 per cent of businesses still believe that European economic and monetary union will have a positive long-term effect on their profitability.

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#### **NU** pays £17m for **Premium**

FURTHER evidence of consolidation in the motor insurance market was provided by Norwich Union yesterday, when it paid £17 million to acquire Premium Search, the direct insurer. Premium Search was found-

ed in 1994 by CE Heath, the insurer, and has more than exceed £15 million in 1997-98. NU said the acquisition was

part of its strategy to develop multichannel distribution. It will bring the number of policyholders jointly managed by Premium Search and NU's Hill House Hammond to a total of 1.15 million, making the new operation one of the largest in the UK market.

Direct Line, the telephone insurer founded and pioneered by Peter Wood, is still the largest motor insurer in the UK and currently has 2.1

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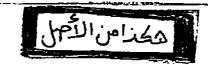
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# Show time for top dogs

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The deal has been signed but what follows from the coming together of UBS and SBC promises to be a messy interlude for thousands in the City. There will be more preening and posturing than you might see at Crufts as brokers and bankers jockey to be judged best of breed and win the dominant positions in the new structure.

Swiss big cheese, Mathis Cabiallavetta, left enough uncertainties in the air yesterday to ensure deep and widespread discomfort. Establishing that there will be huge cutbacks in the back offices of the two organisations is the easy part of the equation, although one hopes that the new chairman's professed faith in technology is not going to be disappointed. The harder questions are raised by his insistence that the top teams, and even individuals, will have ascendancy and that bids for certain bits of the business might be entertained.

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And warning

The Vision

The Warburg franchise is clearly on his winners list, but does that mean that the UBS equities business may be on the market? It is a sizeable operation with some large and loyal clients, and those who worry about the increasing concentration of market-makers in London would be loath to see it

vanish completely. The list of potential bidders for

that looked at BZW and NatWest Markets: Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, JP Morgan, ABN Amro and ING will all be taking a look. The new organisation, named, with all the imagination and flair for which the Swiss are famous. UBS, will surely want a deal to be speedily arranged. Otherwise. if it really is intent on assembling the "best from both" team, it will soon have to set about dis-mantling the business as integration takes place.

When it comes to judging the best of breed, the chaps at PDFM may be feeling just a little nervous. Although no one would want to pre-judge Cabiallavetta's decisions, it is intriguing that those four initials did not feature in the literature he was distributing yesterday. No, it is already the Brinson division that claims the number two position in asset management in the UK Brin-son? That's Gary Brinson, who has already been designated as head of the international asset management operations.

Although the official line from le grand fromages yesterday was that the London fund management business would be able to retain its independence for a



PDFM may soon equal those of many of their customers, louder again after yesterday's stock market bounce.

Among the major movers were the financial stocks, encouraged to think that more mergers must follow the Swiss example. But no matter how much their shareholders may like the idea there seems no likelihood of the President of the Board of Trade being enthusiastic about a merger of NatWest and Barclays.

#### Shop till drop worries retailers

he stock market's exuberance dismissed the gloomy statistics that poured out yesterday. Manufacturing output down and retail sales figures which look downright depressed might have been expected to have put a dampener what used to be Phillips & Drew time, the documentation in on things, but investors were boasts all the familiar names dicates otherwise. The yelps from either not listening or chose not

to believe what they heard. Less optimistic beings, however, would be tempted to detect evidence here of the start of the downturn that the monetary policy committee has been aiming to engineer with its succession of interest rate rises, this

month temporarily put on hold. Retailers, always a nervous bunch, have been dreadfully scared by the November fall off in sales. The majors view their sales figures on a daily basis, and the last month brought some truly shocking returns, with many high street stores recording falls of up to 20 per cent on the previous year. But the joy of living day to day is that a spot of cold weather and a rush to buy warm clothes can bring an instant fillip to the sales chart. It did just that in the final week of November, but it was nowhere near enough to compensate for what had been lost. Most fear that those lost sales are gone for good and that even a good

Christmas, which still seems highly likely, will not be sufficient to lift the profit line to hit the more ambitious budgets.

The pattern is the same from Harrods to British Home Stores. The former is being hit by the fact that Japanese tourists can buy less with their yen than they used to be able to while the high street stores detect that more than the weather is to blame for the closed purses. Higher interest rates are beginning to bite, raised anew as well. In the City, those who are not collecting huge bonuses are seeing their jobs swept away as the wave of mergers rolls on. In industry, particularly among smaller firms that were unprepared for it, the high rate of sterling is taking its toll and putting a query over job prospects.

Chancellor Gordon Brown continues to otter dark warnings about the knock-on effects of high wage increases, and the message is

**Energis set** 

to open at

about 290p

SHARES of Energis, the

telecommunications group

owned by the National

Grid, are expected to open at

about 290p, when they begin trading in London and New

York today (Raymond

The figure is just past the

midway point in the sug-

gested range of between 250p and 325p. A 290p price

will value the company.

which signed up its first customer in 1994, at £900

There was considerable

interest in the flotation, de-

spite turbulent market con-

ditions, and there was three

times cover for the 26 per

cent of the company on

offer. Analysts suggest there

could still be some upward

moment in the shares when

they start trading on the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq in the US.

Snoddy writes).

million

probably well understood by the majority, who remain pre-occupied with hanging onto a job. But for the first time since the Government took office, the debate over union recognition has shown cracks opening between the trades unions and the Government. A muscle flexing wage round in the public sector would really threaten the economy,

#### Government heaps fuel on coal fire

The Government's desperate attempts to crisismanage its way out of the coal controversy have come unstuck.

The Energy Group is digging its heels in and plunging the coal industry into even more uncertainty by throwing into doubt key contracts on which RJB Mining was depending. The company wants clarification over a likely energy mix before it makes commitments, and is aggrieved that plans to convert two of its power stations to use gas as well as coal have been halted. It is also upset that a combined heat and power project has been caught in the same gas moratorium hastily announced

by the Prime Minister last week. If the Government wants to interfere in the market and ensure a future for coal, it needs to do so with care. Instead, we are getting policy on the hoof after the political and practical realities of pit closures dawned too late. The policies that the Government is pushing through now may be well crafted from the 1992 Trade and Industry Select Committee report into the future of the energy market.

But the haste associated with firefighting is angering business. which wants to know the full picture of energy options before making commitments. The generators have a duty to their shareholders, not to the coal industry. They would always have played a key role in shaping energy policy. The fact that that policy is being forged out of crisis is strengthening their already powerful hands.

#### Walker on wild side

BRENT WALKER was erased from the lists last week but you cannot keep a chap like George Walker down. He appears to understand the exciting business scene in Russia extremely well and is now ready to tackle the equally daunting market in Belgrade. As he prepares to launch into the betting business there, bruised Brent Walker investors may reflect on the theory that buying shares is nothing more than a gamble on management.

# Yule's bid for Holliday promises Peagram £45m

BY ADAM JONES

MICHAEL PEAGRAM, the force behind the transformation of Holliday Chemical Holdings, the dye and pharmaceuticals maker, is set to receive £45 million for his 17.7 per cent stake in the company after a £256 million agreed bid from Yule Catto, the chemicals

and building products group. The bid, which offers a mix of cash and Yule Cano shares, values Holliday at 243.2p a share, a premium of about 40 per cent to the closing price of i733 p on December أ.

Dr Peagram, who is chairman of Holliday, joined the loss-making company in 1985. He led the management buyout in 1987, and the compuny floated in April 1993. However, the floration was marred by a profits warning

seven months after share deal-

ings got underway.

If the bid is successful, Dr Peagram will receive about £20 million in cash and the rest in Yule Catto shares. He will be non-executive deputy chairman of Yule.

It was also announced yesterday that Holliday is paying £9 million to settle a legal action brought by Glaxo Wellcome in Spain over an alleged patent infringement in the making of Holliday's ulcer

drug component, ranitidine. The component is used by competitors to Glaxo's Zantac, which is newly out of patent. The settlement gives Holli-day's Spanish subsidiary a license to continue supplying customers with ranitidine.

of Yule Catto, said the settlement was "pricey" but added that it would clear all the outstanding problems before the Holliday takeover.

Buying Holliday will expand Yule's turnover to about E550 million a year. Yule made a profit of £36.5 million on sales of just over £383 million in 1996. Holliday made £16.6 million profit, on sales of £165 million last year.

Mr Walker said the takeover would allow the companies to compete on a higher level internationally, with a broader product portfolio.

The combined group would continue to focus on profitable niche markets, such as Yule's flavourings and fragrances business, where the product range include artificial garlic,

and strongly cash-generative

Mr Walker said there was little geographical or product duplication between the two companies, so job losses should be kept below 100. The merged group will be based at Yule's headquarters in Harlow, Essex.

Yule Catto said the deal is expected to be earnings enhancing in 1998. The Yule Catto final dividend for 1997 should be about 6p a share, the company added.

Yule Catto shares closed at 2742p. down from 3062p. yesterday. Holliday shares fell to 225½ p from 233½ p, having already risen on expectations of a bid being made.

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# Celltech chief in Therexsys move

By Paul Durman

CELLTECH, the drug development company whose shares were badly hir by the failure of its lead product earlier this year, is losing David Bloxham, its research and development director, to Therexsys, a firm working in the gene therapy field.

Dr Bloxham, who was also chief operating officer, will become chief executive of Therexsys early next year, with the aim of steering the company towards a stock market listing. Celltech said it would

name a replacement soon. Peter Fellner, chief executive, said Celltech remains well placed despite the failure of the septic shock drug that it was developing with Bayer. Celltech actually received £16 million in milestone payments from Bayer, well in excess in its £2 million share of development costs. Celltech's most

advanced project is now an antibody-based treatment for acute myeloid leukaemia that is licensed to the Wyeth Ayerst arm of American Home Products. Clinical trial results are expected within six months. Peak sales are estimated at about \$200 million.

Increased R&D spending of £20.9 million (£17.4 million) caused Celltech to make a pretax loss of El2 million (E3 million) in the year to September 30. However, licensing revenues have risen sharply and Dr Fellner believes the company should be profitable in a couple of years' time.

This month's receipt of £10.5 million from last year's sale of its biologics manufacturing business will boister cash reserves that stood at £30.3 million at September 30.

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#### Nomura lines up pub swap with Bass

NOMURA, the Japanese securities house which has become the largest owner of public houses in the UK, is set to extend its influence over the drinking public with a huge swap deal with Bass Uason Nisse writes).

Under the agreement Nomura is expected take on 1.000 of Bass's tenanted pubs in exchange for 200 higher quality pubs. The deal will take Nomura's portfolio up to 5,500 public houses or 9 per cent of all pubs in the UK.

The deal follows the withdrawal of an offer for the tenanted estate by a consortium led by Hugh Osmond, the City finan-cier. It has been held up by some internal opposition within Bass, particularly from Peter Thomas, who runs the tenanted estate.

# Allders turnover up 36% but sales growth slowing

Alex Walker, chief executive

ALLDERS, the department stores group that last year sold its duty-free business to Swissair for £160 million, has admitted that the heady sales growth of the last year is

The group, which has seen its share price languish in recent months, said like-forlike sales were up 9 per cent in the first nine weeks of the new financial year, compared with 12 per cent last year. Good progress is being made in integrating new stores, aithough the market is expected to remain highly competitive. Turnover from continuing

businesses increased 36 per cent to £491 million, in the year to end-September. Pretax profits rose to £23.1 million (£7.2 million), stripping out £33.2 million from the dutyfree sale. Earnings per share, after exceptional items, were 21.7p (17.1p). A final dividend of 5p (3.7p) a share makes a total for the year of 8p (6.IP).

Eight former Owen Owen stores bought in 1996 from Philip Green, the Amber Day retailer, contributed operating profits of £1.6 million on sales of £92 million. An additional seven stores were acquired in September for £3.8 million from the receivers of Maples

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company head dies

SIR PETER HUNT, chairman and managing director of Land Securities, has died aged 64 after a recent heart operation. He had been chairman since 1987 and managing di-rector from 1978, having joined the board of Britain's biggest property company in

A decision about Sir Peter's successor may be taken today.

and video games publisher, has signed a co-publishing

Harvey Lipsith, seated, chief executive of Allders, with Stan Kaufman, left, and Rod Ivey yesterday

# **Property**

He was to have been succeeded as managing director next year by Ian Henderson, the present deputy, and was due to retire on his 65th birthday next July.

#### Gremlin deal Gremlin Group, the computer

deal with Fox Interactive to jointly produce sports titles in the US. Gremlin, which floated on the London Stock Exchange in July, currently has three titles in the European game charts — Actua Soccer 2. Men in Black and Judge Dredd. Fox Interactive is backed by 20th Century Fox Studios, which is owned by The News Corporation. parent company of The Times. Gremlin also announced that it had won the exclusive licence to publish within Europe a CD-ROM games version of Tamagotchi, the electronic pets that need care to prevent them expiring.

Jittery market blamed for more conservative price

# Marchpole flotation to raise £39m

MARCHPOLE HOLDINGS, which designs and distributes menswear and bayeseer under licence from Yves Saint Laurent (1'SL) Couture, has priced its forthcoming flotation at 110p a share below carrier estimates.

The more conservative pricing, blamed on a jittery market, will cost Michael Marris, chief executive of Marchpole, hour £2 million on paper. Mr Morris final been priced at the middle of its partier range of herween 120p and 150p, but he will now ner £8.8 million. He said the floration would enhance Marchpole's

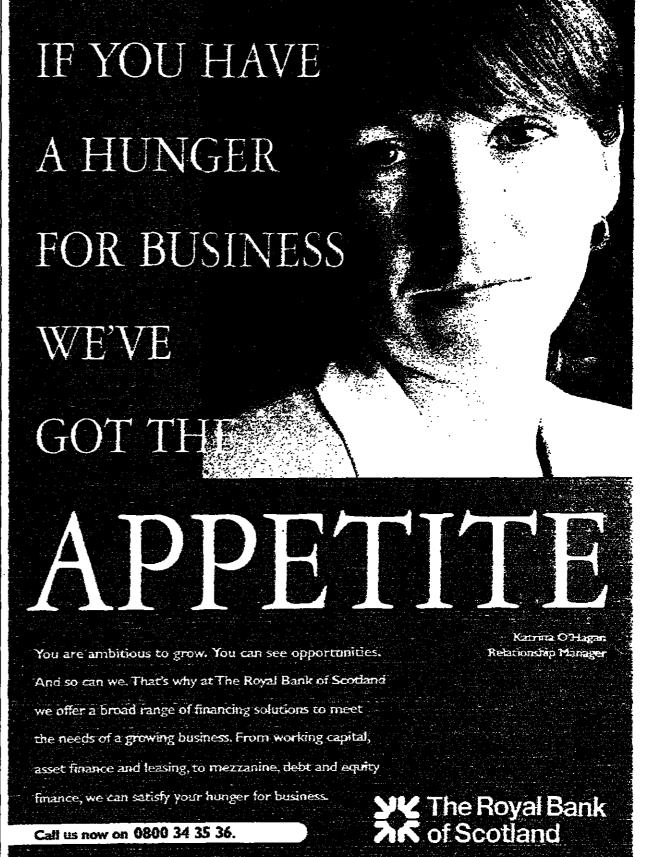
open the door to opportunities overseas. Michael Rayner, Mr Morris's founding partner since 1985, who retired last year,

selling his entire stake for £10.4 million. Dealings begin on Friday. The flotation will raise £39 million for Marchpole, and capitalise the company at £131.4 million. A spokesman said advisers were seeking to ensure a positive aftermarket, and that the placing was oversubscribed. Institu-tions expected to be left with disclosable stakes in Marchpole include Mercury Asset Management, Framlington, Gartmore and Edinburgh Fund

Marchpole, based in London's West

End, has been distributing YSL clothing in the UK and Ireland since 1985. It obtained a YSL menswear licence for Turkey in December 1996, and was recently granted a similar licence in Japan, where the menswear market is 7.5 times bigger than in the UK.

Marchpole made a pre-tax profit of £8.2 million in 1996, compared with £2.2 million in 1995. The directors are forecasting a pre-tax profit of not less than EII.1 million in the year to end-December. barring unforeseen circumstances. The placing is sponsored by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Securities.



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STOCK MARKET



# Swiss merger raises Ul banking sector hopes

THE urge to merge gripped the Square Mile as investors pondered the consequences of the proposed £330 billion merger between Swiss Bank Corporation and Union Bank of Switzerland.

The financial sector was again gripped by takeover speculation as a result, with most investors quick to realise the implications for Britain's institutions.

Takeovers and mergers are envisaged, with some of the recent stories being dragged out and dusted off for another airing.

Favourite to make the first acquisitive move among the speculators is **Lloyds TSB**, up 25<sup>1</sup>2p at 785<sup>1</sup>2p, which they claim is poised to bid for Norwich Union, up another 10p at 390p. Some suggest Lloyds has set its sights even higher and may arrange a merger with Prudential Cor-

poration, up 10p at 716p.

Meanwhile, it is hoped Barclays, up 27p at £15.73. may re-open talks with rival NatWest, 58p stronger at 998p. Others to find themselves marked higher after being selected as potential takeover targets included Standard Chartered, up 12p to 770p, Royal Bank of Scotland, 2712p to 76712p, Bank of Scotland, 17p to 572p, Abbey National, iliap to El0.2112, and Woolwich, 8p to 317p.

Northern Rock was also 3p firmer at 51812p. Brokers say it could become a constituent of the top 100 companies when the FTSE 100 steering committee meets this time round.

The rest of the equity enjoyed an early mark-up with the help of a subdued set of factory output numbers, helping to take off some of the pressure for another rise in interest rates.

But with Wall Street suffering an early fall, shares in London failed to maintain their early pace. The FTSE 100 index saw early gains halved as it ended the session 44.4 up at 5,187.4.

Capital Radio, unchanged at 500p, should open lower this morning after losing the race for control of Virgin Radio to a consortium headed by Chris Evans, the television presenter. Capital is now free to look for other acquisitions in the sector, which may affect the ratings of its rivals.

Reuters retreated 15<sup>1</sup>ap to 716p as brokers began taking a cautious view in the wake of last week's trading update and

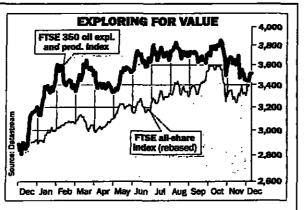


Gerry McQuade, operations director, and Mike Hosie, of RMS Communications, down 9p on first-half losses

decision to hand £1.5 billion back to shareholders. Profit-taking left Dalgety 612p cheaper at 28012p after Friday's speculation that Nestle, the Swiss food group, was

ready to launch a bid. Yule Catto fell 32p to 27412p as it emerged as the bidder for Holliday Chemicals, down 8p at 22512p. The terms value Holiday at 243p with 105.3p in cash and the rest funded by the issue of new shares. Allied Colloids, fighting off a bid from Hercules, the US chemicals group, slipped lp to 16712p. Christic's International the

fine art auctioneer, touched 27612p on learning that it had received a bid approach. It later relapsed to end the session just 1p dearer at 25012p



OIL exploration companies are more profitable these days, depending much less on the oil price. But Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, says the sector's rating has remained unaltered despite a 30 per cent fall in upstream costs.

"Given the poor correlation between GDP trends, oil consumption and crude prices, concerns over the price outlook appear exag-gerated. The potential in-vestment returns from oil shares are being over-looked", says Alan Mar-pholl at Elemins shall, at Flemings. He is forecasting \$20 a

barrel for Brent crude in 1998 with continuing demand among the leading oil consumers and short falls in non-Opec output proving positive.

Lasmo, up 4p at 277p, is tipped as a short-term buy", reflecting discoveries in Libya and Algeria with a target price set at 315p.

Also on its "buy" list is Burmah, up 30p at £10.30 after recent underper-formance, while Enterprise Oil's rating fails to reflect its long-term potential. Shell rose 9p to 444p

BTR continued to its fifth profits war three years, losing

Speculative buyin English China Clays 285 2p. There is talk in that it may go the sam Redland, which has

bought by Lafarge of Finelist firmed lp despite Tomkins, the al conglomerate, placi per cent stake in the with various inst

Tomkins slipped 2p to 304p.

Whinney Mackay Lewis
was steady at 29½p. a shade
below its high for the year of
30p. Two Middle East busismen are said to be ready with a big cash injection, giving them effective control of the architectural consultant.

AIM-listed Jordec Group firmed 12p to 45p after swinging back into the black last year and some optimistic comments about current trading. But news of increased firsthalf losses left RMS Communications, where Mike

Hosie is managing director, nursing a loss of 9p at 70<sup>1</sup>2p. TeleWest, the cable operator which has been bouncing along the bottom, rallied 6p to 7912p on suggestions that US West, which has 27 per cent, was poised to bid.

It was the first day of dealings for ScS Upholstery after a placing of shares by Collins Stewart, the broker, at 105p. Trading in the northeast based furniture retailer opened at 11212p and touched a peak of 114p before closing at 113<sup>1</sup>2p, a premium of 8<sup>1</sup>2p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Those subdued factory gate prices pro-vided a useful boost to the bond market. The recent trend was also reversed, with long-dated issues outperform-

market in thin trading. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt ended near its best of the day with a jump of £1532 at £1191316 in modest trading that saw just 35,000 contracts completed.

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Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 lost £7s at £1193s, while at the shorter end Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was £532 better at □ NEW YORK: Trading was subdued on Wall Street after Friday's 98-point gain. By

midday the Dow Jones indus-

trial average was 18.65 lower Closing Prices Page 34

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# Holliday bye-bye

ment. Having dispersed

most of the money from the

duty-free sale by way of last year's special dividend and

subsequent acquisitions, the

directors now have to stand

by their track record in

YORKSHIRE chemicals companies seem to be challenging the Teletubbies for the honour of being the hottest item on Christmas shopping lists. Only a fortnight after Allied Colloids, the pride of Bradford, attracted a £1.07 billion hostile bid from Hercules, Yule Catto has struck a £256 million deal to buy Holliday Chemical, the dye and pharmaceuticals maker.

On Holliday's 1996 profits of £16.6 million, the Yule offer of 243.2p per share looks expensive, at a p/e of about 22.7. But on a 1997 earnings estimate of £25.5 million, the price multiple looks more reasonable at about 14.6.

Yule has only limited scope for eliminating duplication. Immediate cost savings appear to be limited to head office and marketing, but Yule may then look to disposals. Although its building materials division looks an odd

bedfellow, it is unlikely to be sold because of its strong cash generation.

Yule believes it needs to be bigger to compete internationally. Holliday's agreement to pay Glaxo Wellcome 19 million to settle a patent dispute that threatened to run and run gives Yule and Holliday a sharp illustration of what it is like to tackle the pharmaceuticals big boys and their big

litigation budgets.

There are still high hopes for the ulcer drug component in question, ranitidine, although its future worth is difficult to pin down: new generic rivals to Glaxo's Zantac will increase volume but push down price. Assuming the recommended offer goes ahead, potential investors in an expanded Yule Catto would do well to watch what Michael Peagram does with his 8.4 million new Yule shares.

remains highly competitive.

Analysts are looking for a

pre-tax profit of £25 million

next year, up from £23.1

million last time, but still

well short of the £40.4 mil-

lion when duty-free was still

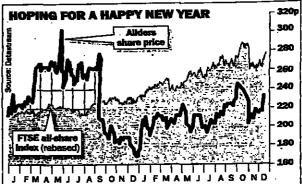
Allders

DESPITE offloading its duty-free business for a good price, and turning in solid like-for-like sales growth, the City has proved slow to warm to Allders.

Fears of an eventual steep hike in the tax bill, coupled with the fickleness of consumers when it comes to spending on sofas, electrical goods and the other dura-bles, have conspired to leave the shares languishing at the starting gate. At 237p, they stand at just 11 times forecasts of this year's earnings
— half the rating of House of Fraser, another stores group struggling to improve from a

Allders turned in a creditable sales performance last year, helped by some nifty footwork at Owen Owen, but praise somehow continues to elude the Allders manage-

part of the package. While iepartment stores alone. nervousness about next Allders may claim the sector is undergoing a "renais-sance", but sales growth is year's prospects remains, the shares rate no higher than a slowing, and the market HOPING FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Celltech

CELLTECH'S lead drug didn't work, its shares have lost more than half their value, and now it has lost its research and development chief. In the always optimistic lexicon of biotechnology, Celltech reckons this adds up to a "mixed" year.

In fairness, the failure of the septic shock drug that was in late-stage trials with Bayer does underline the strengths of Celltech's partnership approach to drug development. Because it is unwilling to bet the ranch on any one project, the financial damage was relatively modest. Future profits were lost, but the company still re-ceived substantial sums in milestone payments.

Next up is a treatment for acuté myeloid leukaemia, which may be only a year away from filing for regula-tory approvals. American Home Products, the company's partner, is said to be optimistic - but then so was

Bayer. Even if this drug reaches the market, forecasts of peak sales look modest, and Celltech's profit share is limited to European sales, though it will also receive

But every little helps. Royalty income more than quadrupled to £4.3 million last year, and Celltech hopes to benefit from the launch of four more antibody products

With the risks so great, a portfolio approach is the only sensible way of investing in the biotech sector. At 269p. not far off its low for the year, Celltech continues to look one of the better bets.

Marchpole

WITH the FTSE 100 index nudging 5,200, the UK stock market has recovered most of the ground it lost after October's bout of jitters. However, the enthusiasm for shares remains patchy. Owners of businesses that are ready for flotation have had to accept

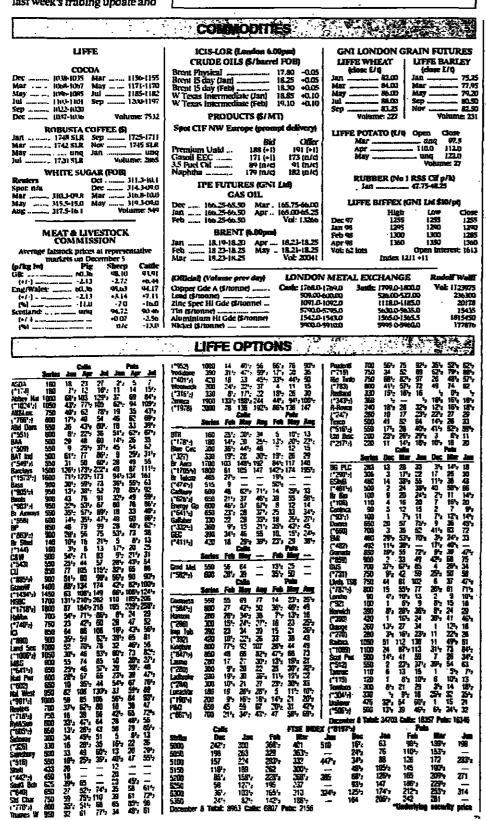
disappointing prices. Bovis Homes fetched only £226 million of the £300 million that once seemed possible, and Marchpole Holdings has, if anything, fared even worse. Shares in Marchpole, the distributor of Yves Saint Laurent menswear, were priced at 110p, more than a quarter below the original target of

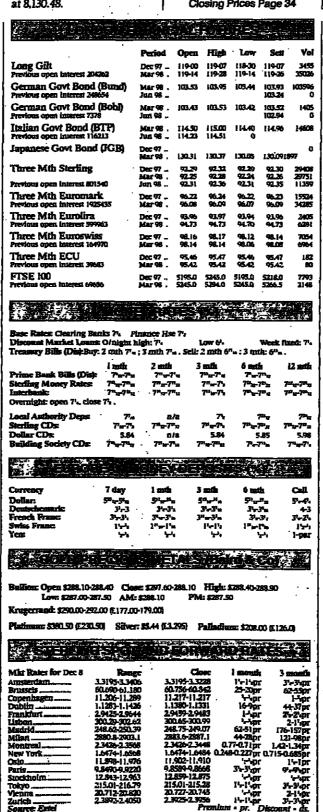
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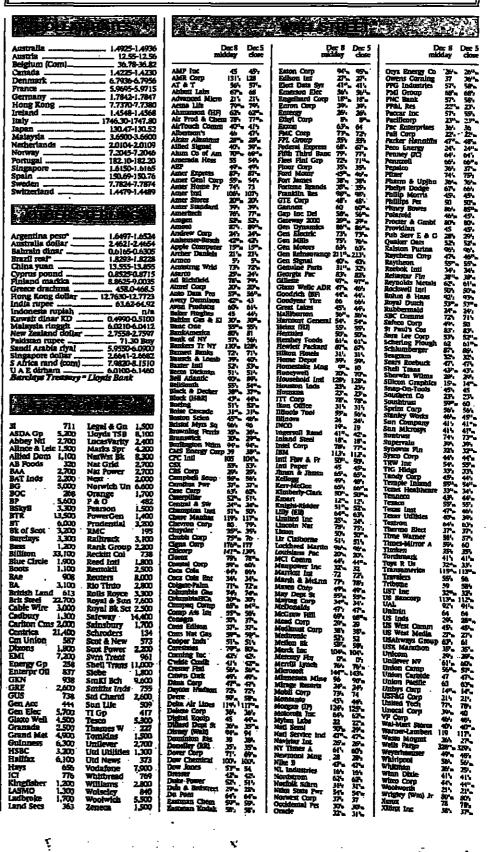
Marchpole claimed that it could have secured a higher price but for its desire to see a lively aftermarket. This community-spirited decision has cost Michael Morris, the chief executive, a couple of million pounds.

Marchpole has made good progress with the YSL brand in recent years, but, by taking YSL downmarket, it may have sacrificed some resilience in tougher trading ahead. Although the company is now more sensibly priced against its UK peers, it may be cheaper still in the

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ext week Diageo, formed out of the marriage of Grand Metropolitan and Guianess, will intensily its efforts to explain how the biggest merger in British corporate history will affect its \$5,000 staff.

Instead of reaching directly for the corporate megaphone it will employ the subtle art of marketing to convey the good news and the bad to its employees.

As the days of the corporate diktat draw to a close, companies are turning to marketing as a way of selling their hopes and aspirations to the workforce. Television, roadshows, direct mail. In fact, all the techniques normally reserved for marketing to customers are now being turned towards inter-

Although the seeds of internal marketing were sewn in the late 1980s it is only now that businesses are discovering just how potent Customising staff to win hearts and minds

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a force internal marketing can be. the share offer. It worked. The Rather than confining it to the narrow parameters of communicating corporate objectives its true worth lies in opening a dialogue with workers and enlisting them

as champions of the brand. John Neill, group chief executive of Unipart, saw the value of internal marketing in 1987 when the automotive parts company staged a management buyout and invited its employees to become

Long before the concept of the stakeholder philosophy had achieved the fashionable status it holds today Unipart was marketing itself to its workforce. Unorthodox conferencing methods and roadshows were deployed to sell

offer was twice subscribed and the majority of Unipart employees still hold shares.

To this day Neill argues that internal marketing helped to tap his greatest asset: his 4,000-strong workforce. "Our biggest single competitive advantage isn't our brand name. It isn't our customer base nor is it our assets or our technology. It's something that doesn't show up on the balance sheet and it can't be measured or touched," he says.

Unipart's enthusiasm for such management techniques has since been eagerly adopted by service companies in the hope that it can transform them into truly "customer-focused" organisations.

MARKETING

Lurene Joseph, Shell UK's brand and communications manager, says internal marketing is playing an integral part in the oil group's efforts to do just that.

Months before the launch of a multimillion-pound advertising compaign to promote its 900 Select forecourt shops it can-vassed its service station staff for their ideas, Roadshows manned by senior staff travelled the country to work alongside staff and gauge their opinions on what ssues Shell's next big advertising campaign needed to address. grassroots research

found that customers visiting its forecourts were unaware of the range of products on offer in its shops. The advertising agency then devised a campaign to counter this. However, Shell argues that the real importance of the exercise lay not just in the valuable research but in recruit-

"It's the first time that people in this organisation have felt that they're involved in the running of the company," says Joseph. "It made them really enthusiastic about what they were doing."
While it is debatable whether

ing the help of its 15,000 staff.

internal marketing can change your company's fortunes or turn a sales assistant into a sales dynamo panies are starting to regard their staff as "customers" in their own

Kevin Thompson, a consultant on internal marketing to the Chartered Institute of Marketing reports a significant increase in companies seeking to adopt a more customer-focused approach to their staff.

Increasingly, different departments within a company, such as human resources, corporate affairs and logistics, are turning to internal marketing to get workers to "buy-in" to change.

"An employee is paid to do something. You can tell them to do it but they're not going to give you their hearts and minds. However,

if you treat them more like a customer then you'll find that their ambitions and energy might be channeled into the company

British Airways, no stranger to poor industrial relations, is investing £4 million this year in the trial of BA TV — a sort of televisual swap-shop of ideas and opinion

beamed to its 60,000 staff. Kevin Murray, BA's director of communications, says the airline's recent woes have taught it to reassess the way it deals with its staff. "Instead of telling people what we are doing we are asking them if they can make a contribution to change," he says. "We have to air the views of employees, even if those views are not the same as management. At the end of the day we have to let them have their

JULIAN LEE

# Swiss marriage proposal is just a part of everyday banking life

Consolidation

threatens more City

job cuts.

Richard

Miles writes

passes in the world of banking without the announcement of another mega-deal. As one industry observer pointed out, yesterday's proposed merger of Swiss Bank Corporation and Union Bank of Switzerland is not "new news": consolidation in financial services is fast becoming a way of life.

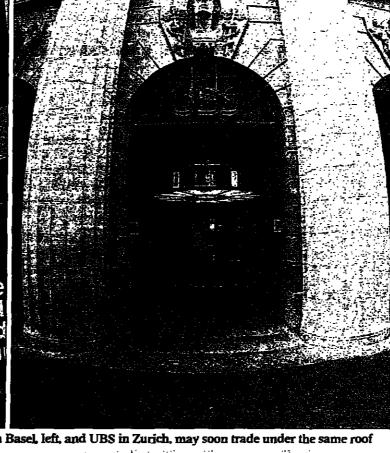
Even so, as consolidation oes, the marriage of SBC and UBS is no small affair. By asset size, the union creates the second largest commercial bank in the world, with assets of nearly \$600 billion (£360 billion). Only HSBC Group. the parent of Midland Bank, is bigger in this respect. By market capitalisation, the new group, known as the United Bank of Switzerland, will rank fourth, at \$59 billion.

The new company will also be a powerhouse in other financial sectors, not least in combined operations of the two Swiss banking groups will create the biggest player on the world stage. The United Bank f Switzerland also scores. highly in institutional fund management, coming in at number four with about \$340 billion under its control.

Mathis Cabiallavetta, president of UBS and the man who will become chairman of the combined group, trotted out the usual reasons for the mega-merger: continued de-regulation amid intense competition. globalisation of financial markets and services, and the increasing importance and cost of technology. "You know them as well as I do," he told

journalists. But domestic concerns lie at the root of the union. With 26 million customers. UBS is the biggest retail bank in Switzerland — said to be one of the most "over-banked" markets in the world - but Credit Suisse and SBC are not far behind, with 2.4 million and 2.2 million customers respectively. All three face stiff competition from the 24 cantonal banks and the Swiss Post Office.





Building a bigger bank: the headquarters of Swiss banks, SBC, in Basel, left, and UBS in Zurich, may soon trade under the same roof

Integration of the bank's two retail operations will provide ample scope for cost cutting. About 5,000 jobs in consumer and corporate banking will go, from a total of 13,000 redundancies worldwide. The Swiss job cuts will be staggered over three to four years, largely so as not to upset the politicians in

Zurich and Basel. No such sensitivity is expected to be shown when the two banks wield the axe at their investment banking opera-tions, which employ 20,000. About 6,000 jobs will go, with London bearing the brunt of the cuts. SBC Warburg Dillon Read employs 3,500 in the City, while UBS has a staff of 2,900 on its books. Up to 3,000 may be out of work by next Christmas. The new-look operation will be rechristened Warburg Dillon Read under the leadership of Johannes de Gier, executive chairman of SBC

Warburg Dillon Read. Given that the combined investment banking operation is to be known simply as Warburg Dillon Read, industry insiders have been quick to conclude that the most savage cuts will be at UBS. "I bet there are a lot of people polishing up their CVs in Liverpool Street as we speak," said one analyst.

Overlap between the two outfits is said to be close to total in some areas. Both Warburg and UBS have large UK and continental equities teams, swathes of analysts and big corporate advisory arms. And both have their own back-office operations, one of which will surely be sacrificed in the name of efficiency.

UBS does not have a discrete investment banking operation in the way SBC Warburg does. Its philosophy has been to offer such services through its institutional and corporate business division, or through trading. sales and risk management arm. A string of lacklustre years at UBS culminated last month in the announcement of a £125 million provision for losses in its equity derivatives business and the departure of four senior executives. The bank blamed the shortfall on a pricing miscalculation in its options division. But Mr

Cabiallavetta emphasised yes-

terday that the restructuring of

the investment banking operation would not be a simple matter of reducing UBS or Warburg to "zero". Rather, the banks would follow a best of breed approach to rational-

Inevitably, people in the industry have begun to ask whether parts of the business might be sold off, as both Barclays and NatWest have done with the equities arms of their investment hanks.

peculation over the weekend suggested that JP Morgan might be interested in parts of the business, but the usual list of suspects, including ABN Amro and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, cannot be entirely discounted.

Even after rationalisation, the new United Bank of Switzerland will have the largest European investment bank. and a worthy contender to rival the American groups that style themselves as "global" players. The Dillon Read operation, acquired by SBC Warburg in May for \$600 million — more than three times book value -

already gives the bank a sizeable presence on Wall Street, but the new group clearly has larger ambitions.

Marcel Ospel, the president of SBC who becomes chief executive of the combined group, said the two banks were already the leaders in privatisation issues. The merger, he said, would give them "the critical mass necessary to be a truly global player. But he said there were no specific plans to expand in the US through acquisition.

Joining the "bulge bracket" (the top investment banks with global reach), which includes Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, will be easier said than done. As the old joke has it, the definition of a global bank can be summed up in one word: "American". No foreign bank can truly claim to have tapped into the US market with

any success The two banks' own figures indicate the distance Warburg Dillon Read must cover. The two partners rank top in European mergers and acquisitions to date this year, with some \$30 billion of deals completed, but

they trail a poor sixth on the world stage. Morgan Stanley has completed twice as much business, at \$234 billion, while Merrill Lynch and Goldman have similar scores.

While the investment bankers wait on tenterhooks to hear whether they will keep their jobs, the 420-plus employees at PDFM, the fund management arm of UBS, have been told they are relatively safe - for now. PDFM. one of the UK's biggest pension fund managers with £60 billion under its control, will become part of a new institutional management division known as Brinson, named after its chief. Gary Brinson. He sold his business

to SBC a couple of years ago. But as the pace of consolidation in the industry picks up, can anyone be sure of their future? City bonuses could ton £1 billion this year, but the Square Mile is braced for deep pay cuts next year. As David Smith, co-head of UK equities trading at Merrill Lynch, says: 'It is a case of making hay while the sun shines. There could be a lot more job losses after Christmas."

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Timely reminder that the returns may not always be quite so happy

From C. M. Scarff Sir, It was refreshing to read the commentary by your City Editor (December 3) on the proposed new ISA account and the Chancellor's attempt to "scalp" savers of relatively ordinary means.

I do find Mr Robinson's comment about the investors in Peps and Tessas as being "very well-off people" silly to say the least. Investment Management houses and building societies will tell you that those who save the maximum in these plans are the minority. I also know a number of very wealthy people who do not even bother with a Pep because they see a total of £9,000 possible input per tax year as too insignificant to them to even bother about.

At the other end of the scale, it is perfectly possible for people to enter the Pep plan of one leading provider at a level as low as £20 per month or £500 lump sum. I could tell you about some individuals

who do not even earn enough to pay income tax, yet have been paying a £20 monthly minimum for some years now and are quite pleased with the results. I understand that Government sources had some concerns about letting Mr Robinson "front" the launch announcement of the ISA, but decided he was the right man for the job. I wonder if they now regret this? Per-haps he would be better living offshore?

I am not a political animal but I do hope we are not going to have for some years yet, the "we have a big majority so we Blair said shortly after the election that this Government were there to serve the electorate. I am sure it was earnestly meant, but perhaps a timely reminder of that comment would not go amiss? C. M. SCARFF, 37 Anthony Road,

#### Congestion at airports is the real issue

From the Chief Executive of that air terminals are consestthe London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sir, Regardless of the rights and wrongs of airport retailing as expressed in the recent heated exchanges between Sir Terence Conran and Des Wilson in this paper, there is a more serious aspect to congestion in Britain's airports.

This year's Healey and Baker survey of Europe's top cities in Europe in which to locate. It was also judged best city for international transport links — one of the main factors. according to the survey, deter-

mining business location. In view of the correlation between quality of transport links and desirability as a business location it is therefore very worrying that Irene Boogerman (Letters, December 3) describes Heathrow and Gatwick as bewildering, pressurised places". The fact

ed is in part due to the squeeze on airport capacity. Heathrow in particular is operating under strain while the future of a fifth terminal remains undecided. In the longer term the real issue - that of strategically planned airport capacity - cannot be avoided.

Global business needs air travel and the UK needs airport capacity which lies terminal congestion. The importance of this issue requires a more serious debate. Yours faithfully. SIMON SPERRYN, Chief executive, LCCI,

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# Straw poll

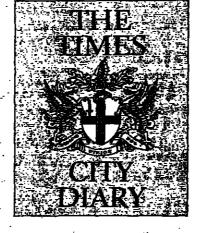
A FUNNY thing happened in the City yesterday. They held a contested election. Through some awful miscalculation, five people stood for the position of common councillor on the Ward of Cheap, and there were only four places to go around. The incumbent four, unaccustomed to facing the wrath of the electorate, had been joined by Joe Byllam-Barnes who has stepped in and spoiled their fun by running against them.

Every December the 25 wards in the City hold elections. These mostly throw up as many upsets as in the old Soviet Union, where someone was



before the polling booths had opened. The more populous wards in the City, where real people live, have a real contest. But the others, such as the Ward of Cheap, population about 100, are spared such indignities, the number of candidates neatly matching the number of empty chairs. I will let you know the identity of the loser. the one who must stand in front of the TV cameras and be forced to admit, in the words of an unsteady George Brown when the voters finally decided they had had enough of him, that "democracy has democked". But there is every chance that this year will be the penultimate round of such farces. The new regime in London is due to arrive in May 2000, so in December 1999 they might as well not bother.

☐ I HEAR another Tory grandee has found a seat on the City gravy train. Roger Freeman, now Lord Freeman of Dingley after John Major's last honours list, was a highly regarded Minister of Defence Procurement and then became involved in the mad cow disaster. He was democked by the good folk of Kettering this spring and now, as Tory party vicechairman, spends his time picking over candidate selection procedure. Before becoming a minister he was a Senior parter at Lehman Brothers, tail, Liam Strong, now chief executive



and he is about to pop up again as head of corporate finance at a big City institution. So 1997 is not ending too disastrously for him at least.

**Crying wolf** 

LORD WOLFSON of Sunningdale, chairman of Next and of GUS, is finally having to choose between the two. Ever since he took over at GUS last year from his cousin, Lord W of Marylebone, both companies have insisted there is no conflict of interest despite their involvement in mail order. Now Wolfson has decided to stick with the family firm, GUS, rather than the one he helped to rescue, and Next is seeking a new chairman. What a pity the best candidate in reof WorldCom International, has found other avenues for his talents.

#### Air time DEBONAIR is a low-price airline

running a series of advertisements on the London Tube featuring the directors. This is generally fraught with danger — think of those frightful ads you see on TV around sales time with some Dralon-suited carpet warehouse manager enthusing about his sofas. Franco Mancassola, the airline's chairman, was standing on the Tube platform a couple of days ago with Richard Clapson, his finance director, gazing across the rails at an ad featuring the two of them. An anonymous-looking type drifted up to Clapson. "Are you him?" he asked, pointing. Clapson admitted it. The man turned to Mancassola. "That means you're the chairman," he said wonderingly. "I thought all chairmen drove around in Rolls-Royces."

SBC AND UBS are making much of the savings that the merger will bring from new technology. The point was rather undermined when Peter Wuffli, SBC's finance director, found he could not work the slide projector at yesterday's London briefing. This followed some trouble with the microphones. His speech had to be cut short. Some might say cut mer-cifully short; Wuffli is feared throughout banking circles for the extreme length and detail of his fi-

nancial presentations.

#### Flipped

IAN STRACHAN, as chief executive, is the man who has had the lugubrious job for two years now of dragging around the City with his flip-chart ex-plaining why BTR's strategy is such a good one while watching the shares plunge. Friday saw them approach rock bottom, and Strachan has had enough. He has put his flip-chart away and pulled out his cheque book, spending £126,000 on 70,000 shares at 180p each. And he is already out of the money - the market celebrated this gesture of confidence by marking BTR shares back by 3½p to 179p.

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# French stance on EMU sways Toyota factory decision

FRENCH officials yesterday cited European monetary union as one of the key factors in Toyota's decision to build its Fr3.5 billion (£350 million) car assembly plant in France.
They said London's "hesita-

tion" over the euro will weigh heavily against Britain when Toyota confirms the choice at press conferences in France and Japan today.

President Chirac was last night due to receive Hiroshi Okuda, Toyota's chairman, ahead of today's expected an-nouncement that the plant will be sited near Valenciennes, a former mining town in north-ern France. The plant is likely to create 2,000 direct jobs and a further 8,000 indirectly in a region where unemployment is about 20 per cent.

The factory, which should have an annual capacity of 100,000 vehicles by 2001, will produce the Funtime, a small car designed to rival the Renault Twingo, the Ford Ka. and the new Mercedes model,

the Smart. The French Government made strenuous efforts to woo Toyota, although officials insist the amount of public aid will account for less than 10 per cent of the overall investment, Britain hoped that Toyota

would extend its manufacturing facility at Burnaston in Derbyshire. Yesterday. French officials said that the



been keen for a base within the "euro zone". A French Government source said: "In Germany, labour costs are too high, and Britain is not sure to join the euro. That clearly did not count in London's favour." Toyota said that it could not comment before today's an-

nouncement. France lags well behind Britain, The Netherlands and Germany in terms of Japanese investment, with just 114 of Japan's companies established on Gallic soil. But industry ministry officials say the picture could change in the wake of Toyota's decision.

However, the French plant is likely to bring spin-off benefits for Britain, where 12 of Toyota's main European suppliers are based. The firm's plant at Deeside in North Wales could be asked to produce the 1.0 litre to 1.3 litre year as a whole."

#### Marston to develop Pitcher and Piano chain

By CHRIS AYRES

THE pub retailing and brewing group, Marston Thomp-son & Evershed, yesterday said it would make use of a long-term debt facility of £85 million to help to roll out another 38 of its upmarket Pitcher and Piano outlets before 2000.

However, it admitted that the expansion of the 12-strong chain had fallen behind schedule, in spite of contributing £1 million towards profits in the six months to September 27. The group is also developing another concept. Marston's pre-tax profits rose to £15.8 million from £14.7 million on turnover of £106 million, up from £91.4 million. Earnings fell to 12.7p a share from 13.2p. The interior dividend is increased to 2n

im dividend is increased to 3p a share from 27p. Michael Hurdle, chairman, said: "The business has achieved a solid set of results, against a background of sig-nificant internal organisational changes. Subject to the outcome of the Christmas period we expect a satisfac-



David Gordon, left, and Michael Hurdle, of Marston

# BT wins battle over telephony costs injunction

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

the legal dispute with Cable & Wireless Communications over who offers the cheapest telecommunications package to small and medium

Last week CWC, the largest cable communications company, won a temporary in-junction preventing BT distributing a brochure saying that its charges to small and medium-sized businesses

were lower. Yesterday the High Court lifted the injunction. Mr Justice Jacob said that on the information available to him BT would probably be able to prove the truth of its claim that most small and medium-sized business customers who are using the best CWC indirect price package would make savings by using the best package from BT if the issue went to trial.

BT had already distributed some of the brochures and now intends to resume the process. Afshin Mohebbi. marketing director for BT Business Division, commenting on the High Court deci-

BT has won the latest round of sion, said yesterday: "We always believed it was in the interest of UK businesses for us to clarify the real cost of business telephony charges." Yesterday CWC renewed its accusation that BT was trying "to confuse the market" and said it would press on with a full hearing on the issue, even though this might not happen for two to six months.

#### Culver plans demerger

CULVER HOLDINGS proposes to demerge its motor distribution business and to focus on financial services. Existing shareholders will receive shares in a newly formed company, which will acquire Culver's motor deal-erships with BMW, Honda, Rover, Toyota and Rolls-Royce. Motor distribution contributed £1.69 million of pre-tax profits

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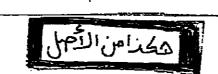
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# Crystal **futures**

VISUAL ART: The avant-

garde spirit lives on at the Roundhouse in Camden. Following the installation of a trendy "bouncy castle" at the north London trainshed last March, the art impresario Artangei has commissioned a "crystal palace" to fill the Roundhouse next March. Constructed by the veteran Russian artist Ilya Kabakov and his wife Emilia, this Palace of Projects will consist of an epic pavilion including 65 different futuristic visions. Kabakov was an underground artist during the Communist era. His most famous work so far has been a vast installation. The Way We Live Now, at the Pompidou Centre in Paris two years ago.

MUSICALS: At the Prince Edward Theatre the scene is about to shift from medieval European village to Mississippi paddle steamer. The Boublil-Schonberg musical Martin Guerre will close on February 28, after an eventful 18-month West End run that included a temporary hiatus while Cameron Mackintosh had the show rewritten. It will be replaced by the classic Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein musical Show Boat, in the Hal Prince Broadway production.

CARTOONS: Some 2.000 cartoons by Mel Calman, published in The Times between 1979 and Calman's death in 1994, have been donated to the Centre for the Study of Cartoons and Caricature at the University of Kent by Calman's daughters Stephanie and Claire. The centre was founded in 1973 and holds over 45,000 drawings for Reg Smyth's Andy Capp comic strip, as well as numerous other cartoonists.

MUSEUMS: The Duke of Edinburgh opened a new Gallery of Cypriot Art, financed by the A.G. Leventis Foundation, at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge last Thursday. The museum has extensive holdings of Cypriot artefacts, mostly excavated by British archaeologists last



A Chaplin for our times? Bruce Weber's picture of the young movie star Leonardo DiCaprio, photographed at Coney Island, New York. 1994

Men at work, rest and play

Richard Cork admires the National Portrait Gallery's superb exhibition of photographs by Bruce Weber

ntil now Bruce Weber was best known in Britain as the photographer who gave Calvin Klein underpants their sex appeal. Hired in the 1980s, Weber ensured that his brazen images of sculpturally muscled men became notorious. They brought provocative male sexuality to the forefront of attention, celebrating homoerotic appeal without embarrassment. The myth of Narcissus was reborn in the

form of a sulky toy-boy. But Weber's large exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery provides a broader view of his activities. Although welltoned young men's bodies abound, few are intended to sell prominently labelled underwear. Some belong to Hollywood stars, all conspicuously handsome. A surprising number, though, are anonymous, encountered by Weber at an Iowa wrestling match, a Boy Scout rally or a street-corner in Soweto. Behind all the restless searching for new locations lies an unabashed romanticism, plac-

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tradition that stretches back at least as far as Walt Whitman's ecstatic determination to sing the body

interest in Informality is the keynote. When rites of Weber trains his lens on movie acpassage can tors, he concentrates on emergent be seen 🤊 subjects whose high spirits have

not yet been stifled nardo DiCaprio is caught in a playful mood, prancing on a hoardwalk with Chaplinesoue stick in hand. The youthful Matt Dillon lounges in bed with his woolly socks on, aiming a science-fiction gun at an invisible target.

And the short-lived River Phoenix tugs at his hair on a swing, pulling it down as if to obliterate his own melancholy face. Viewed with hindsight, the gesture seems poignant: Phoenix died of a drug overdose. Weber gives this section of the show an elegiac mood, accompanied by a G.K. Chesterton hymn called It Is Something To Have Wept.

For all their air of spontaneity, though, the Hollywood portraits look posed. Their artfulness becomes clear when compared with the wrestling scenes. Here, young bloods in sweatshirts exercise until they collanse. Shorts emblazoned with slogans like "Refuse To Lose", they grip opponents in gruesome arm-locks. Judging by their expressions, agony is often inescapable. And in one remarkable shot, Weber reveals the apprehensiveness on the intent faces of would-be wrestlers watching two men execute an alarming throw. Several photographs, of figures writhing on the floor in excruciating positions, re-

ALTHOUGH we are now

minded me of wrestling photographs taken in the late 19th century by the great American painter Thomas Eakins. But Weber's images look far more raw than Eakins's carefully rehearsed pictures. The overall attitude is summed up by the tough words printed on the back of a dirt-stained shirt: "There are two pains in life the PAIN of DISCIPLINE and the PAIN of REGRET."

Beneath this emphasis on manly stoicism, an instinctive interest in rites of passage can be detected. It becomes more overt in Branded Youth, the illustrated story which gives the exhibition its name. Written on the gallery walls in a self-consciously boyish script interspersed with meandering doodles, it tells the tale of four adolescents who escape from their home town. Livingston, to a hideaway in "the Bear-tooth Canyon of Montana". Tousle-haired and impatient to discover the outside world. they camp round a fire and decide to burn each other on the upper arm with a hot bayonet blade. Weber's photographs are suffused with nos-

talgia. Now in his early fifties, he seems to be in love with a vision of lost youth and the tribal friendship symbolised by burnt arms. Far more painful than anything experienced by the turnwrestlers, these self-inflicted scars are seen as a way

of cheating time. his attention to the Boy Scouts and savours their more institutionalised rituals. Above their name-badges, the boys' uniforms are embroidered with a rousing com-mand: "Be Prepared For The Twenty-First Century". Weber extracts the maximum amount of entertainment from his affectionate portraits of troop members. One plump scout, his flesh heaving out of his shirt, raises three fat fingers in a cheery salute. His sly grin suggests he is just as aware of

the comedy as Weber himself. But the photographs stop short of debunking. Half satirical and half lyrical, some even depart from Weber's long-term commitment to black and white. These colour shots are frankly artificial, grouping the scouts in dignified assemblies. Clutching staff-like branches and linking arms, they appear happy to replicate old-fashioned poses. Weber seems equally content to lend

them an heroic air. Weber clearly responds to the deep-seated American yearning for the outdoor life. One of the show's best sections is devoted to My Neighbor John, a grizzled old farmer in check shirt pitched against landscapes of awesome immensity. In one picture, he offers his dog some food as

waning of the day. Most of the time, though, John is alone. He drives his tractor and handles bales of hay with seasoned assurance. His face, furrowed with crease-marks, looks reserved to the point of shyness. But there is no mistaking Weber's admiration for this isolated man, who regards the camera with a puzzlement bordering on suspicion.

n this respect, he is utterly unlike the actors who expose themselves to Weber's scrutiny. That is why his work proves difficult to summarise. One part of him, the most familiar, is infatuated with virile beauty. Colin McDowell, in his new book The Man of Fashion: Peacock Males and Perfect Gentlemen (Thames & Hudson, £29.95), places this side of Weber at the front of a chapter called Sexing Identity. Mc-Dowell credits Weber with creating a new male type, "as appealing as a newborn bull calf — and roughly of the same

level of intelligence". But there are other aspects of Weber's vision, and they become in the end more rewarding. During a trip to South Africa, he forgets about Narcissus for a while and focuses on unvarnished images of humanity.

shows an African man walking past a hoarding where a black family sits at the dining table underneath the words "Breakfast Isn't Breakfast Without Kellogg's Corn Flakes". And on a cultural level, he photographs an African immersed in reading a well-thumbed Penguin edition of Pride and Prejudice. But Weber is just as able to capture the unselfconscious laughter

of a teenage girl and the desolation of the townships. At this stage, his work commands an impressive breadth of feeling. It is most movingly conveyed in two studies of Nelson Mandela's face. One shows the old man smiling, with a generosity and wisdom that goes a long way to account for his country's miraculous rebirth. But the other shows the same features crumpled into seriousness. Mandela's eyes are shut now. disclosing weary folds of skin. His expression grows melancholy, as if in mourning for all those who suffered during the internecine struggles. It is the face of a man who knows that the conflict is not yet over, and yet still permits himself to

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#### AROUND THE GALLERIES

used to contemporary and traditional Australian art, with several London galleries devoted to it, we seldom see current art from New Zealand. So it is difficult to Lnow how typical the art of Tony Lane may be. But it seems a reasonable guess gious, with overtones of the primitive votive offering. Eithat he could not be typical of anything but himself, in Veiled From Sight, his first ther way, Lane's effect on the spectator is hauntingly am-London show, he emerges as an eccentric, painting his biguous, intensified by the exquisite surfaces and fastidious colouring of these jewelown way and his own time. Not that the word "eccenlike panels. Dreamtime Gallery, 44 Ux-bridge Street, W8 (0171-221

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DAVID STERN of Stern

Art Dealers must be partial

to the Pissarros, since he is

married into the family. But

clearly from his succession of

shows devoted to the less-

known members of this artis-

tic dynasty, interest in their

doings does not depend on

familial partiality. The gal-

lery normally has on show

works by the likes of Lucien,

son of Camille, and Orovida,

tric should be taken to imply anything daify or demented. He is a serious and substantial painter who happens perhaps because of the geographical isolation of New Žezland — to be painting in a very unfashionable manner. But also in a manner that has never been fashionable.

If one can trace an imporcant influence, it would have to be the classic icon, with its use of gold leaf and its dimensional devices of emphasis and framing. The subjects so treated are never

totally cut free from repredaughter of Lucien, both of sentation: one can still recogwhom are reasonably well nise a leaf, a hand, folded known, but also by more obscure descendants such as paper or draped fabric. But Felix, dead at 22, whom what further we make of many thought the most talthem is left up to us. The ented of Camille's sons. associations seem to be reli-Last year it was the turn of

Ludovic-Rodo, the fourth son, to have his special exhibition, and this year the choice comes round to Paul-Emile, the youngest. He enjoyed a long life (1886-1972) and a modest reputation as a painter. This seems about right. He never became very fluent in oils, but his green riverscapes have a certain charm, and one should probably attribute any awkwardness in his figures to an abortive grappling with modernism. Stern Art Dealers, 46 Ledbury Road, W11 (0171-229

TI IS surprising, close to Christmas as we are, that the Victorian Fairy Painting show at the Royal Academy

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has not inspired more smaller-scale selling shows among the dealers. However, Fairy Folk in Fairy Land, across the road at Peter Nahum, is well worth the attention of anyone not half sick of sprites and shadows. A number of the same artists recur, generally on a smaller scale, though there is acrually an alternative, only slightly smaller version of Atkinson Grimshaw's extraordinary Iris Goddess of the Rainbow (apparently outlined in neon) for any RA visitor who feels he cannot live without it.

Also, Nahum does not confine himself to British artists. Among the drawings is a real rarity, one of the tiny originals of Laurence Housman's illustrations of malign fairyfolk from Goblin Market, which makes one regret that Housman gave up on illustration so early. Peter Nahum at The Leicester Galleries, 5 Ryder Street, SWI (0171-930 6059) until Dec 20

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THE MAGISTRATE, lan Richardson plays the much harassed here of Pinero's evergreen larce, Nicholas Broadhurst's cast from Chichester

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CYRANO DE BERGERAC. The

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Marit Hargie

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THE TANGO LESSON (PG): A firm director learns to lango Brave and erocing firm by the director of Orland Sally Pofter, who co-stars with Pablo

Follow every rainbow

here hasn't been a more shocking coupling of theatre and project since the fate of the Old Vic was linked to lapdancing. The BAC, which loudly proclaims itself as the cutting edge of avant-garde theatre, is hosting a production of this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic that would have elderly Chichester theatregoers fighting each

other for tickets.

Director Phil Willmott wisely takes his cues from the film. Apart from the re-inclusion of two unremarkable original songs, the Steam Industry doesn't

The Sound of Music BAC, SW11

change a note of the 1959 masterpiece, powered by a squadron of young wimpled nuns magnificently led by Roz McCutcheon's battleship of a Mother Abbess. Two duelling pianos accompany the score from the gallery while the audience is arranged around a black and white chequered courtyard.

Here Penny-Belle Fowler works her gawky, bright magic as Maria. Fresh is a little too optimistic, blonde highlights and a chic bob are unlikely accessories for a prospective nun. But she spins like Julie Andrews and bewitches with a soorano designed to melt hearts. In the battle for Captain von Trapp, Charlotte Bicknell's cigarette-smoking heiress hasn't the ghost of a chance. She drifts like sickly perfume from ballroom to courtyard, a ghost at a party to which she was never really invited.

For someone as meticulous as von

Trapp, having seven children may seem a gross oversight. But as played by Tim Berrington he is wittily patronising and almost boyish in the way he treats them like toy trains. The children, from local schools, are scrumptious and ethnically interesting.



Maria (Penny-Belle Fowler) wins over the junior von Trapps with some nifty guitar work and uplifting sentiment

No wonder the von Trapps feel twitchy around Nazis. Willmott himself supplies the sleazy opportunist. Uncle Max, whose motives, if not pure, err on the right side.

But few dark moments are allowed to impede the sentiment. If Jung was around he would probably say the heady flashes of romance between Maria and von Trapp come from the collision of two idealists in similar

states of denial. It doesn't take the children ten seconds to work out that once their father wraps his arm around Maria for the waltz in the garden marriage is on the cards.

There are enough achingly beautiful moments to make the hoariest critic feel weak at the knees. The songs speak for themselves. What impresses most, however, is the sheer scale of the Steam industry's production, which rests on a

farcically small budget and an indecent amount of goodwill. A cast of 40 performers, including the amazing squadron of vocally blessed nuns. generate that electric feeling of a fantasy within arm's reach, which it literally is in this airy setting. Only a stone-hearted, deaf, dumb and blind curmudgeon could fail to be moved.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

#### **CONCERTS:** A fine fiddle concerto; Handel hurried; and a jazz saxophonist goes medieval

Hatiê/Nagano Manchester

NATURAL progressions from a successful first performance by one orchestra to a second performance by another are all too rare. John Casken's Violin Concerto has achieved that distinction by being adopted by the Halle Orchestra after a first performance at a BBC Philharmonic concert in last summer's Proms.

One reason is that it is a score of obviously high quality; precise in its scoring and thoroughly sound in construction. The other is that it was so well written for its first soloist. Dmitry Sitkovetsky, that he is happy to take it up again and add his reputation to that of the work itself.

that Sitkovetsky follows the gist of every detail in the violin part, which combines virtuoso hyperactivity with motivic figuration of great complexity and some obscurity. The dramatic and the lyrical elements, on the other hand, are him all over. The concerto is clearly part of the 20th-century tradition of works of its kind - a not entirely mainstream tradition since it seems to embrace Szymanowski here and there - but it has much in it.

notably a vehemence at the

climax of the first movement

and a poetic beauty towards

the last two movements. GERALD LARNER

the end of the second, that is

entirely personal and deeply

felt. Kent Nagano and the

Hallé, who coped admirably

with its intricacies, were evi-

The rest of this Bridgewater

Hall concert was less success-

ful. While it was legitimate,

perhaps, to moderate the ap-

parently eccentric fortissimo

requirements of Haydn's Phi-

losopher Symphony where the

main theme is introduced by

horns and cors anglais, it was

not acceptable to reduce the

brilliance of the succeeding

presto in a haze of ill-adjusted

string ensemble. As for the

performance of Schubert's

Great C major Symphony, it gradually fell away not

through any lack of orchestral

stamina hut, it seemed.

through the conductor's fail-

ing interest in the material of

dently of the same opinion.

Gabriell Consort Barbican 5

PAUL McCREESH and the Gabrieli Consort and Players have just brought out, so the hype would have us believe, a Messiah for the millennium". So were we getting "a Solomon for the century" at the Barbican last Thursday?

performance here and now in which the ideals of historical awareness formulated over the past three decades formed only part of a late 20th-century performance practice that has taken on a life of its own.

Take the edectic choice of soloists on this occasion. The title role was sung with great poise by the counter-tenor Andreas Scholl who is becoming a household name follow ing his rendition of Handel's Largo at the Gramophone Awards. He is an eminently stylish singer with a beautiful tone, although Handel would have expected the role to be sung by a mezzo. Then, at one end of the scale, there were excellent

modern singers such as Alison Hagley and Susan Bickley with secured techniques but only a generalised other. Peter Harvey and Charles Daniels, mighty stylish but less technically assured (Daniels struggled with Handel's coloratura).

Such extremes were also apparent in the conducting of McCreesh, who appeared to have only two gears: fast and furious, and slow and indulgent. True, a duality of mood is inberent in the contrast between ceremonial splen-Act I of Solomon, but it all felt either as if the music was being pushed to the edge or

McCreesh changed pace.

fashioned wallow, with brak-

ing at cadence points.

readily enough but showed little ability to pace the overall structure or rhetoric. The best moments in a long evening were provided by the Gabrieli Consort. The Gabrieli Players led by Rachel Podger did their bit, too, in maintaining the energy level.

TESS KNIGHTON



A COUPLE of years ago. someone had the bright idea of teaming up the Hilliard Ensemble, the leading early music group, with saxophonist Jan Garbarek. The cool, monastic purity of the Hilliard sound made an ideal backdrop for the sensual ululation of the soprano saxophone, and the chart-topping disc Officium was born.

Since then, this innovative music-making has won a huge following. Chiming as it does with the current demand for something new and preferably mystical, the combination has all the ingredients for popular success. The Barbican Hall was well filled on Friday night for their only British appearance together this year.

There was no programme and no announcements were made, but the repertoire extended from medieval organum to what sounded like modern settings by Baltic composers, with a leap of a

Garbarek weaves his improvisatory roulades, and sets up excuisite false relations with his microtonal meanderings. And in one unheat mod number Garbarek exploits his amplification, adding percussive effects by slapping his keys and didgeridoo-type

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For 400 years, actors have wondered how to play the Bard's Jew. Heather Neill reports

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# Shylock's pounded flesh

in 1597, Richard Burbage played Shylock dressed in a red wig. The hair was an important signal: it put Shylock in the tradition of the villain of the medieval mystery plays in which Judas and Satan sported just such a garish trademark. But nothgarish trademark. But nothing Shakespeare did was that simple his tentusive to the state of the continues into the 20th centuring the continues into the continues in simple: his Jew had feelings expressed in poetic verse, intelligence, a quick wit and a

daughter who betrayed him. Shakespeare's character has survived, a "real" person complicated enough to be open to interpretation and analysis. yet he was invented at a time when it would not have occurred to audiences to feel any discomfort at the portrayal of a villain with certain stereotyped racial characteristics.

Today, seeing Shylock as a representative Jew, especially in the light of 20th-century history, actors, critics and

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audiences are faced with a problem. If Shakespeare was as humane as we would like to believe, if he was sophisticated in language and psy-chology beyond any expectations we may have of his contemporaries. what can he have

meant by this portrait of a vengeful. greedy, merciless Jew? It is while, having begun with trep-difficult to ignore the fact that idation, has found the part Nazi directors staged The Merchant of Venice in Germany some 50 times between Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and 1945.

Some commentators declare the play unstageable now. The Jewish playwright Arnold Wesker has written a companion piece. Shylock, which redresses the anti-Semitism he finds in The Merchant of Venice and which he advocates should always be acted and studied alongside it. Modern directors deal with the Shylock problem in various ways, usually making him sympathetic, sometimes even turning him into the hero of

To begin with, 400 years ago, it was different. There were few Jews in Elizabethan England, Edward I having expelled them 300 years earlito the notion of an exotic alien race, members of which few

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playgoers would have known. Other villainous stage Jews were common. Marlowe's Barabas (sharing a name with the murderer freed by the mob in preference to Jesus on the eve of the Crucifizion) was a monstrous caricature, although it is fair to say that the Christians in The Jew of Malta are a pretty odious lot

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rich variety, together with

issues of practice and style, has invited a wide conspectus

of interpretation from which

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n the first production of The Merchant of Venice, in 1741. In 1814 Edmund Kean broke with the tradition of the one-dimensional villain and, dispensing with the red wig, impressed Hazlitt with the intensity of his acting. But it was Henry Irving, in 1879, who first invested Shylock with a degree of humanity.

> Ty: Donald Wolfit's Shylock was "full of venom and ha-tred" and, according to the writer John Gross, Michael Redgrave and Emlyn Wil-liams presented conventionally villainous readings of the

part in the 1950s.
Then, in 1960, Peter O'Toole's interpretation at Stratford marked a turning point. Perhaps it was not so much that the horror of the Holocaust had taken this long to be acknowledged, but rath er that the theatre had become a forum for political ideas. His Shylock, directed by Michael

Langham, was a figure, in contrast to what one rerich, deep viewer described as a gushing, ner-vous, trivial band character. of Christians". The RSC's 1997 Shylock, Philip

Voss, had a walkon part in that production and still says it is the best he's seen to date. He, mean-

rewarding. "He's a rich, deep character, an outsider, which is very appealing. He's an incredibly witty man. I don't think Shakespeare is anti-Semitic: Shylock becomes unhinged because his daughter betrays him. That short scene with Jessica shows how much he loves her, has dominated her but loved her too."

The most famous speech in the play —
"Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? and so on - is often cited as proof of Shakespeare's humanity. Voss delivers it standing upright, "not kicked and bleeding; he's presenting an

In the intervening years, dress 1970 production for the National Theatre was memorable for his emphatic Jewishness and the downplaying of other strands in the plot. The text was slightly cut to omit unsympathetic lines.

In the early 1990s, the director David Thacker also made judicious cuts and also made Shylock (played by David Calder) a businessman among other businessmen. But this time the setting was the contemporary Stock Exchange and due weight was given to the casket scenes. Shylock was a reasonable man

were less plentiful than nowa-

days. Consequently, in almost all recordings of the Branden-

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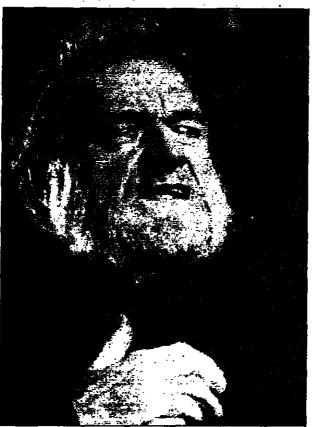
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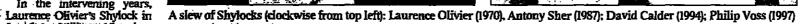
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driven mad by the defection of his daughter with a Christian, and so completely won the audience's sympathy that there was an audible expression of horror when he was ordered to renounce his faith

and become a Christian. Ten years ago Antony Sher grappled with the role in Bill Alexander's 1987 RSC production. A South African Jew, Sher was all too aware of racial prejudice and sought to stir it up in the audience to shake their complacency, giving them an unsympathetic, angry, exaggerated Jew. A yellow star of David was sprayed on to the wall at the back of the stage.

Gregory Doran, who directs Voss in this season's Mer-chant, played Solanio in 1987. That production, he believes, loaded the play in the post-Holocaust sense. It over-balanced it. The casket scenes went for nothing, but they are crucial because it is all about human values - Portia is a commodity too.

"The play has been hijacked by history. We are putting it back into the world of renaissance trade. We've started

with the title: Shylock was a merchant of Venice. I wanted to take the swastikas and stars

of David out of the play." The differences between Shylock and Antonio, he believes, have more to do with commerce than race - a Jew. unlike Christians, was allowed by his religion to charge interest. "Shylock doesn't expect to ask for the pound of flesh," he says, but, driven mad by Jessica's elopement with a Christian, he seeks revenge and then, having gone too far, discovers that

he is an alien after all.

Four hundred years on, Shylock can still be approached as if for the first time. Whether private person or representative Jew, carica-ture villain or grieving father, as much as any character in the canon he demonstrates Shakespeare's extraordinary malleability, the chameleon property which allows succeeding generations to find themselves reflected in the

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. This venue was apparently constructed flatpack-style in 14 days for the Midland 97 series of shows, and will comfortably house, heat, feed and water many a vast fanbase between now and Christmas. Ap-proaching the site, one half expected to see one of Pink Floyd's blow-up porkers floating past, and plans for a launch firework display last week were scuppered by a

local pressure group: Batter-sea Dogs' Home. At Sunday night's multiartist Concert of Hope, held in aid of the Diana. Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, we witnessed the combination of military organisation and emotional obligation with which the industry has re-sponded to her death. It could have become a soblest, but after the opening video images of the Princess and the Elton

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John hymn, the artists wisely dedicated themselves to the restorative powers of pure entertainment. There was a convincing act

of show-stealing by the open-ing turn. Robbie Williams has come a long way from the bingeing embarrassment of his immediate post-Take That period and, with a UK tour and several hits to his name, was an engaging and tunny performer. On Lazy Days and Old Before I Die, he was pop's Paul Gascoigne, like Gazza now seeming to direct his natural ebullience to creative ends. But the Norman Wisdom element of his act remained on a hilarious remake of his old band's Back for Good, featuring thrash-metal

London soul fivesome Damage could only follow that with a well-thumbed, if still polished, collection of R&B cli-

chés. All Saints, in their first live engagement, showed some sparrow-voiced nervousness but also signs of a powerful quartet in the making, while boy popsters 911 were energetic, if vocally pe-

Gary Barlow, who helped to put the event together, may have been sharing a bill with Williams for the first time since Take That split, but teamed instead with Rosie Gaines and Boyzone's Ronan Keating on Hang on in There, Baby and Harvest for the World respectively. He it was who elicited most of the loudest screams of the night.

Peter Andre arrived, biceps and all, to a strangely muted response, as his act moves ever further from plinkety-plunk pop into homeboy R&B. But Boyzone's young devotees were in full voice for their pickand-mix of huge hits, ending with no less incisive a call to arms than Blue Mink's Melting Pot, before the cast reconvened for an inevitable, but undeniably sincere, Let it Be.

PAUL SEXTON

## Christmas turkey without pumpkin

loo many years have passed since it was the turn of Peter Pan to be the annual lesbian panto at this venue. Graced with two Mrs Darlings and a stormtrooper Wendy, the turns of the plot would have given Dame James Barrie a fit of the vapours.

None of the show's successors came anywhere near it for the calmly bizarre route by which Cupid's bent arrows found their mark, and now the Drill Hall has revived its earliest predecessor, Cheryl Moch's 1987 tale of how Cinders found her princess. Ten years ago leshian plays were still rarities, and their authors seldom, if ever, took a comic or contented view of life. Moch's urbanely workaholic Cinders, teaching her princess to dust the palace bedroom and busily sweeping out the Gorgon's cave, must have come as a cool, sweet tonic.

Times have changed, and expectations with them, both for script, performance and production quality. I don't know if Nona Shepphard is trying to reproduce her direction of a decade ago, but while she has allowed her designer (Bettina Reeves) to make colourful costumes - "and so nicely pressed," as Cinderella observes, ever the domestic theatrical excitement is close to the minimum.

Budget restrictions may have forced Shepphard to situate the pumpkin, coach and rats offstage, but one of the tasks Cinderella must perCinderella — the **Real True Story** Drill Hall, WC1

form to win her princess is to fetch the secret of flight from an eagle's nest and fly from there to the palace. Merely walking off at an upper level and on again down below is a

rotten cop out.

The alterations to the straight tale are developed with modest ingenuity, but the characterisation of supporting characters is dreadful, Sally Armstrong's closet Duke ex-cepted. The slipper finds its proper foot before the interval and the second half is concerned with persuading king and country that a woman's love for a woman is a good thing.
Rebecca Hall's pretty Cin-

ders is likeably sweet-natured, shy and undaunted by mythological hazards, and Deni Francis a spunky Princess, But neither of them manages to make their loud cries into attractive sounds. For a dedicated audience the show could do no wrong, but the direction is slack, someone forgot to speak a vital cue, and long stretches of dialogue are with-

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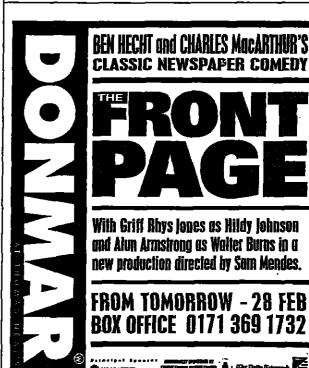
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Regina v Secretary of State of the Home Department, Ex his absence the applicant's Same v Same, Ex parte O'Brien

Same v Same, Ex parte Main Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Chadwick

Judgment December 4 A convicted prisoner had no right to communicate orally with the media through a journalist, the loss of that right being part and parcel of a sentence of

Although legal professional privilege attached to correspondence with legal advisers which was stored by a prisoner in his cell, from time to time cells and everything in them needed to be thoroughly searched in order to

That necessarily involved examining even correspondence with a prisoner's lawyers but it was only to be read to the limited extent necessary to check that it was what it purported to be and to ensure that illicit material was not

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments:

(i) allowing appeals by the Secretary of State for the Home Department against a grant by Mr Justice Lathant in the Oueen's Bench Division of judicial review. following applications by lan Simms and Michael Alan Mark O'Brien, mandatory life prisoners. of decisions of the Home Secretary that they could not receive visits from journalists unless the journalists gave undertakings that no material or information obtained during visits would be used for professional purposes (The Times January 21, 1997) and

(ii) dismissing an appeal by Ronald Main against the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill, Mr Justice Latham and Mr Justice Astill) of his application for judicial review

confidential legal correspondence covered by rule 37A of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) as subituted by (SI 1993 No 3075). Mr Tim Owen and Ms Philippa Kaufman for Simms, O'Brien and Main: Mr Kenneth Parker, QC and Mr Steven Kovats for the

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the appeals had been heard one after the other because in each case the decision under challenge was taken in accordance Order 5, consolidated February 1996. (Home Office) or a governor's order, which reflected pol-

Home Secretary.

It followed that the decision could only be impugned if either the standing order or the gov-ernor's order in question was shown to have been made without power, or the decision itself was unreasonable in a Wednesbury Each case therefore raised simi-

Simms and O'Brien Both men had been convicted of murder. They each protested their innocence and, applications for leave to appeal having in both cases been refused, they had contacted journalists by whom

they were visited. Neither journalist sought admission as a journalist and subsequent applications for visiting orders for them to visit as friends were made subject to their signing undertakings that any material obtained during a visit would not be used for professional purposes. The journalists refused to sign so the visits did not proceed.

Before Mr Justice Latham, Mr Owen submitted, and the judge had accepted, that the right of free speech included a right of oral access to the media, and that a convicted prisoner, in spite of his rights which were not taken away expressly or by necessary

After the escape of prisoners

of the Prison Act 1952, at least by curtailment of civil rights, but it was contended that if interference was more than the minimum necessary to achieve the objects of the statute then it could not be sustained. The judge accepted that

as a correct approach in law. Before their Lordships, Mr Parker submitted that the vires approach adopted by the judge was misconceived. The relevant Prison Rules were plainly within the powers of section 47(1) of the graphs of the standing orders were no more than administrative de-cisions which might be challenged. Wednesbury grounds.

Mr Owen contended that the right which was in issue was the right of a prisoner to freedom of expression as set out in article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (1953, Cmd 8969) and included a right to communicate with the media through a

In his Lordship's judgment, a convicted prisoner had no right to communicate orally with the media through a journalist. As part of his sentence of imprison-ment he could not longer go where he wished, he was confined and could no longer speak to those from anyone other than his lawyer Lest it be thought that the efforts

remembering that they could still have access to lawyers and correspond with journalists, just like any other prisoner. His Lordship therefore rejected the vires argument and also the contention that the requirement of

their innocence were being in some

a written undertaking was irrational, disproportionate or other-

removed from their cells and stripsearched. Then in their absence their cells would be thoroughly searched. The search would extend to correspondence, including correspondence with lawyers which would be examined to see that it was what it purported to be.

Main, who was a convicted prisoner serving a substantial term of imprisonment, objected to the examination of such corres pondence and applied for judicial review of the continuing decision of the governor to authorise prison staff to search in his absence the applicant's confidential legal correspondence covered by ruled. 37A of the Prison Rules. The relevant order was Governor's Order 36/1995 of June 21, 1995.

In his Lordship's judgment legal professional privilege did attach to correspondence with legal advisers which was stored by a prisoner in his cell and accordingly such correspondence was to be pro-tected from any unnecessary interference by prison staff.

Even if the correspondence was only inspected to see that it was what it purported to be that was likely to impair the free flow of communication between a convicied or remand prisoner on the one hand and his legal adviser on the other and therefore constituted an impairment of the privilege. However, as the escapes from

Whitemoor and Parkhurst had demonstrated, it was essential to maintain security in closed prisons, and to that end section 47(1) of the 1952 Act permitted rules requir-ing that periodically, and without prior notice, cells and everything therein be thoroughly searched. That necessarily involved

examining correspondence so far as necessary to ensure that it was in truth bona fide correspondence between the prisoner and a legal adviser and did not conceal anything else, such as diagrams of the prison, razor blades or drugs. Once it was accepted that there

were powerful arguments for

his Lordship's judgment there were, the only remaining issue was how best to reassure prisoners. and especially remand prisoners, that cell-searchers were not exceeding their instructions. That was obviously a difficult question but was not a question for decision by this or any other court. The appear would be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE, agreeing, said that the single relevant restriction, raised by Simms and O'Brien, on the prisoner's freedom of expression was that although the prisoner might say what he liked to a journalist who visited as a friend, the journalist was required to undertake not to use for professional purposes any material provided at the interview.

It was argued that that regime interfered with the prisoner's fundamental right of freedom of expression, because faced with the restriction the journalist, not the prisoner, would be less enthusiastic about visiting the prisons and discussing the case orally with the prisoners. Why should that be so if the journalist was visiting as a ine friend?

If he was visiting as a pro-lessional journalist, or intending to use the material obtained at into view in a professional capacity, it was difficult to accept that the limitation on the entitlement of the journalist to publish the contents of his communications with the prisoner infringed the prisoner's right of free expression in any way which significantly increased the inevitable interference with that

What was really at stake was the elationship between the journalist and those responsible for the secure administration of the

Lord Justice Chadwick agreed Solicitors: Bindman & Partners

refuse stays on the basis of the

## Undertaking no substitute for disqualification

In re Blackspur Group pic In re Atlantic Computer Systems ple and Others Before Lord Woolf, Master of the

Rolls Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Mummery (Judgment November 19) It was not unreasonable of the

Secretary of State for Trade and . Industry to refuse to accept from a company director permanent undertakings never again to act as a director or be concerned in the management of a company and to continue to seek the disqualification of the director. The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment dismissing an appeal from Mr Justice Rattee (1997) 1 WLR 710) who had dismissed an application by Ver-non John Eveleigh Davies that disqualification proceedings against him under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 be stayed on his offering certain undertakings, without any admission of fault, which would provide the same protection to the public as a disqualification order. Mr Michael Briggs, QC and Mr

Paul Girolami for Mr Davies, Mr A. W. H. Charles, Mr Mark Cunningham and Mr Richard Gillis for the secretary of state. LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY. giving the judgment of the court, said that the refusal by secretary of

state to discontinue the proceedings on the undertakings offered by Mr Davies had inspired the two ets of applications: first, for a stay of the proceedings on the ground that it would be oppressive to him, prejudicial to the interests of the public, and a misuse of the procedure of the court for the ecretary of state to pursue them; and second, for leave to seek judicial review of the decision to continue the proceedings and to

undertakings, the ground of chall-enge being that the decision was unreasonable in the Wednesbury sense ([1948] | KB 223). His Lordship said that Parliament had designated the secretary of state as the proper public officer to discharge the function of making applications to the court

litigation decisions were made by the secretary of state in what was considered to be expedient in the public interest. They were not made by the court or other parties to the proceedings.

Once proceedings had been prought to trial it was for the court, not for the secretary of state or any other party, to decide whether a disqualification order should or should not be made.

A court could only make a disqualification order if it was satisfied on the prescribed statutory matters and therefore it was not appropriate for the court to act, or even for the court to be asked to act, as a rubber stamp on a proposed consent order, without regard to its factual basis.

Their Lordships agreed with the view expressed by Mr Justice Ferris in In re Carecraft Construction Co Ltd [1994] 1 WLR 172, 181) that in disqualification proceedings for the ings there was no scope for the parties to reach an agreement and then ask the court to embody their agreement in a consent orde

The evidence served by the secretary of state contained allega-tions of serious misconduct, including dishonesty, on the part of Mr Davies. He strongly disputed the allegations but accepted that the secretary of state had shown a prima facie case of a serious issue to be tried and that if the allegations against him were established the court was likely to make a six to ten-year disqualification order.

In those circumstances he offered wide ranging undertakings of permanent duration to the court and contended that if accepted, they would afford greater protec-tion to the public than any dis-qualification order the court was likely to make. The secretary of state declined to accept the undertakings and stated an intention to continue with the proceedings.

His Lordship said that the reason why the secretary of state was not prepared to discontinue the proceedings on the undertak-ings was that undertakings without any admission of the facts were not equivalent to a disqualification

concerned was unfit to take part in the management of a company.

The secretary of state had reasonable grounds for adopting the position that adherence to the statutory scheme was in the interests of the promotion of good

The possibility of contempt proceedings for breach of an undertaking was unlikely to have the deterrent effect equivalent to a charge and trial of a criminal offence of breach of a disqualification order.

There was no statutory procedure for policing an undertaking, and even if an extra-stantory procedure could be devised, it would be difficult to operate in the absence of findings or admissions of fact made when the undertak-

ings were given. The court could not provide the same protection for creditors as the statutory protection in section 15(1)(b) of the 1986 Act. There was no statutory procedure for the entry of undertakings on the register of disqualification orders. The object of the 1986 Act was the

protection of the public, but the means by which that object was achieved was embodied in a carefully structured, detailed statutory scheme which did not provide for the disposal of the proceedings on the basis of undertakings made without admissions.

On the contrary, the regulatory system operated by the secretary of state and adjudicated upon by the court, presupposed the making of an order on a factual basis sufficient to justify the judicial finding that the respondent was unfit to be the director of a

Mr Davies by his applications wished to force upon the secretary of state acceptance by way of compromise of an alternative and extra-statutory remedy of non-admission undertakings, which were not provided for in the 1986 Act and which, in the reasonable view of the secretary of state, did not provide for all those circumstances covered by the provisions relating to disqualification orders. Solicitors: Peters & Peters; Trea-

### Minor service defect can be rectified

Chohan Clothing Company (Manchester) Ltd v Fox Brooks Marshall (a Firm) Before Lord Justice Evans and Mr

[Judgment November 10] The rules governing service of proceedings on a firm of solicitors after its dissolution did not mean that the action itself should fail

where personal service had consisted in the plaintiff's solicitor's messenger handing a writ in a scaled envelope to the defendant's secretary who then gave it to the defendant before it had expired. That was a minor defect in service which the court in its discretion would rectify and it was surprising to find solicitors found-

ing a complaint that an action should fail on such a basis. The Court of Appeal so stated plaintiff. Chohan Clothing Co (Manchester) Ltd. against the order of Mr Justice Astill December 13, 1996 declaring that its writ of summons for negligence was not duly served and setting the

proceedings aside for irregularity. Miss Lesley Anderson for Chohan: Miss Linden He for the

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that 10 of the original 17 partners of the firm complained that they had been handed the writ in a sealed envelope before it expired by their own secretaries instead of by the plaintiff's solicitor's mesenger.

Wine Ltd v Murray McDavid

In an action for infringement of a

trade mark, where the defence of a

mark denoting geographical ori-gin under section 11(2)(b) of the

Trade Marks Act 1994 was pled.

the interpretation of section 11(2)(b), which implemented part of

Directive 89/104/EEC (OJ 1989

L40/5) ought to proceed without reference to the cases on the carlier legislation, or at least with only the

most cautious and guarded reli-ance being placed on such au-thority, otherwise the aim of harmonisation in the Directive

The question of the scope of the

defence formed part of the issue to

be tried between the parties and

accordingly it could not be said

that there was no prima facie case.

However, the balance of conve-nience favoured recall of an in-

terim order protesting the Laphroaig trade mark. Lord MacFadyen so held in the

Outer House of the Court of

Session recalling an interim inter-

dier at the instance of Allied

Domecy Spirits and Wine Ltd

Mr Calum MacNeill for the

LORD MACFADYEN said that

interim interdiet had been pro-

nounced ex parte in favour of the

pursuers, who were the propri-

etors of the trade mark Laphroaig in respect of whisky.

tlers and on the label of one of the

whiskies they bottled there ap-

peared the sign "Laphronig". The

pursuers alleged that they were thereby guilty of infringement of

The defenders averred that their

product was whisky and that it

was distilled and matured at

Laphroaig Distillery on Islay.

There was no similarity between

the get-up of the parties' products

and no case of passing off was

the trade mark

The defenders were whisky bot-

pursuers: Mr Michael Howlin for

against Murray McDavid Ltd.

aould be lost.

Before Lord MacFadyen

[Judgment August 28]

case where Order SI, rule 3(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court applied it was necessary to serve all that here the firm was named as defendant, therefore, all 17 partners were alleged to be liable and thus rule 3(3) required all 17 to be served and validly; and that if not

then the action itself was irregular. His Lordship found that conclusion surprising because rule 3(3) the judge seemed to be saying that the action would cease to be effective even against any of the 17 validly served as individuals. His Lordship could not see why failure to comply with service should affect the validity of the action.

It was also not clear from rule 3(3) why effective service on one partner who was jointly and severally liable should be dependent on service on other partners. The judge was wrong to hold that the defects could not be cured. The defect was so minor as to be

excused under Order 2, rule 1. His Lordship expressed concern that nine out of the ten persons who had pursued the complaint up to the Court of Appeal that the write had been handed to them not by the messenger but by their own member of staff were solicitors. Mr Justice Wilson agreed.

Solicitors: Peter Rickson & Partners, Manchester: Tinsdills, Stoke-

advanced against the defenders.

This was the latest in a series of

cases raising the issue of whether it

was an infringement of trade mark to take whisky from a named distillery and put it in a bottle and

sell it as the product of that

The current legislation was the

Trade Marks Act 1994, which was

enacted, inter alia to implement

Section 10(1) provided that "per-

son infringes a registered trade mark if he uses in the course of

trade a sign which is identical with the trade mark in relation to enods

those for which it is registered.".

graphical origin . . . of goods. .

Section 11(2) provided that "a registered trade mark is not in-fringed by ... (b) the use of indications concerning the geo-

The defenders accepted that the

use of "Laphronig" would, but for the effect of section 11(2), constitute

in terms of section 10(1) and (4)(a) infringement of the pursuers' trade

mark. Their contention was that the use of the reference to

Laphronig Distillery was no more than the use of an indication of

geographical origin.

The defenders' primary sub-

mission had been that the interim

interdict should be recalled

because the pursuers had not set

out a prima facie case of

Counsel had submitted that the

approach of the Outer House in

Bravado Merchandising Services

Ltd v Mainstream Publishing Ltd

(1996 SLT 597, 602A) was unsound,

and had advocated instead the

adoption of the approach of Mr Justice Jacob in British Sugar ple v

James Robertson & Sons Ltd

[1096] RPC 281, 285) that "the

Trade Marks Act 1994, implement-

ing an EC Directive has swept

The defenders submitted that

the use of the word "Laphronig" in

the phrase "Islay single malt

Scotch whisky from Laphronig

Distillery" was nothing more than

the use of an indication of geo-graphical origin. How otherwise

away the old law".

Council Directive 89/104/EEC.

distillery.

## Importing cannabis sentence guidelines reviewed

Regina v Ronchetti and Others Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr. Justice Holland and Judge Clarke,

Judgment November 281 Recent importations of large quantities of cannabis, some of a metric tonne or more, made it appropriate to review the sentenc-

ing guidelines for importation of

that drug in R v Aramah (The Times December 18, 1982; (1982) 4 Cr App R (S) 407). The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, allowed appeals by a number of appellants and reduced sentences passed at Lincoln Crown Court by Judge Heath for their parts in a conspiracy to import cannabis resin into the United

Kingdom. The sentence of 12 years than Ronchetti and Michael Humobrev was reduced to ten years. and those of nine years follow pleas of guilty imposed on David Ronchetti, Paul Matthew Robson and Barry Driver were reduced to

Miss Elizabeth Nicholls for Jonathan Ronchetti. Mr Jeffrey Lewis for Michael Humphrey, Mr J. H. Gregory for David Ronchetti. Mr Gerald Lumley for Paul Matthew Robson, Mr Guy Napthine for Barry Driver, all counsel assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals: Mr Stephen J.

could they state the true fact as to

the distillery at which their prod-

The name of the distillery had

been given no more prominence on the label than was necessary to

distinguish the defenders' various

The pursuers submitted that while the pre-1994 case law might no longer be directly in point, it did not follow that no assistance could

be obtained from it. Reliance on

section 11(2)(b) was not so clearly

sound as to lead to the conclusion

that there was no issue of infringe-

"Laphrosig" was not simply a place name that could be regarded

as a pure indication of geographi-cal origin. The primary connota-

tion was as the pursuers' trade mark not as the place where their

distillery happened to be located.

He accepted that the position might have been different if

Laphroaig had been a place of substantial size. He submitted

that, as used by the defenders, it was an oblique reference to the

pursuers' trade mark. It was necessary to look at the whole

context of use.
Reliance on section 11(2)(b) was

also challenged on the basis of the

proviso concerning honest prac-

tices in commercial matters. It was

argued that it was for the defend-

ers to bring themselves within the

scope of the proviso and that pre-1994 cases might cast light on that.

It was not clear to his Lordship

what assistance could be gained in

construing the present statute from

His Lordship accepted the sub-mission that the 1994 Act im-

lemented the Directive and that it

fell to be construed in the light of

the wording and purpose of the

However, there was no juris-

istice and there was no material

prudence of the European Court of

divergence between the language of article 6.1(b) of the Directive and

section 11(2)(b). Nevertheless, it appeared to his

Lordship that the scope for the

Counsel maintained that

ment to try.

whiskies from one another.

uct had been distilled?

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Place name clash with trade mark

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that on behalf of all the appellants it was submitted that the starting point of 12 years imprisonment, following a trial, was too high for the quantity of cannabis resin involved, which was of the order of

600kg or more. It was necessary to start with R v Aramah. Their Lordships accepted the submission made by the prosecution, and not resisted by other counsel, that the distinction made in that case between herbal cannabis and the equivalent in cannabis resin or cannabis oil ought more properly to be ex-pressed on a basis of cannabis resin and cannahis on the one hand and cannabis oil on the other. Accordingly, the judgment in Aramah should be read as if

lified in that regard It was also common ground tween counsel that the size of importations of cannabis and canin recent years was not foreseen at the time of Aramah.

The court and counsel had been provided with copies of judgments in over 50 cases in relation to cannabis and cannabis resin imthere was only one case where the importation of less than one metric tonne of cannabis resin had, following a trial, attracted a sentence of more than 10 years. Sentences in excess of 10 years

principle of construction adopted in Bravado Merchandising had to be severely limited otherwise the

severely undermined. The inter

proceed without reference to the

cases on the earlier legislation, or

at least with only the most cautious and guarded reliance being placed

It did not follow that there was

no issue to try. Clearly there was a sense in which the delenders

description of their product was ar

indication concerning its geo-graphical origin. That was so irrespective of whether Laphroaig

was a village or merely the location of the distillery. The section 11(2)(b)

issue was more complex than that

entitled to ask rhetorically how they were to give a true representa-

tion of the geographical origin of their product without mentioning

distilled; but the pursuers were equally entitled to their rhetorical

question: was the mark a mere

indication of geographical origin, or was it truly an oblique invoca-tion of our trade mark?

That was a difficult issue which

it was not appropriate to resolve at

this stage. They represented part of the issue to try between the parties.

balance of convenience favoured

recall of the interim interdict. The

defenders' submissions that other

trade mark owners would follow in

seeking interdict were not wholly

irrelevant, but were not a factor of

The comparison of the relative

ability to meet an award of damages was a relevant

His Lordship was not satisfied

that the risk to the reputation of the

pursuers' whisky was as great as was asserted. In the absence of

averments of passing off, his Lordship considered the pursuers'

apprehension of damage to their

business as substantially

Law agents: Maclay Murray & Spens: Robson McLean, WS.

great weight.

His Lordship concluded that the

stillery at which it had bee

No doubt the defenders were

on such authority.

following a trial appeared, rightly in their Lordships' judgment, to have been reserved for truly massive importations. Their Lordships had been invited by the Crown to give some indication for guidance of judges of first instance in relation to the sort

of level of sentence appropriate for importations of the order of 100kg. In conformity with but by way of addendum to Aramah, their Lordships would suggest that following a trial the importation of 100kg by persons playing more than a subordinate role should attract a sentence of seven to eight years. Ten years was the appropriate starting point following a trial for importation by such persons of 500kg or more.

Larger importations would attract a higher starting point, which should rise according to the roles the other circumstances of the case, up to the statutory maximum of 14 years provided by Parliament.

A discount from all the figures indicated would, of course, be called for according to the roles played and where there was a plea Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

## Companies time limit applies only to summary offences

Regina v Thames Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Horgan

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Garland [Judgment November 25]

The time limit for laying informations under the Companies Act 1985 provided by section 731(2) of that Act applied solely to summary nd not to either way offences: which were being tried

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Garland) so held when dismissing an application for ju-dicial review by Michael Desmond 1997 of Mr Shamoon Somice Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, sitting at Thames Mag-istrates' Court that he had jurisdiction to try the applicant for an offence brought under section 222(6) of the 1985 Act.

Mr Ian Winter for the defen-. dant; Mr John McGuinness for the prosecutor: the magistrate did not appear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE PILL said that

the defendant had been charged with an offence under the 1985 Act which was triable either way. The question was whether the time limit for laying an information relating to that Act, which the prosecution had exceeded and which was provided by section 731(2) of the Act applied solely to to either way offences which were

in fact tried summarily. Section 731(2) applied the time limit to an information relating to an offence under the Companies Acts which is triable by a mag-istrates' court". Mr Winter argued that if Parliament had intended to restrict the time limit to summary offences only it could have inserted

the word "only" after the word

In his Lordship's judgment, the magistrate had been correct not to apply the time limit. Section 731(2) had to be read together with section 127 of the Magistrates. Courts Act 1980, to which it Section 127(2)(b) of the 1980 Act provided that nothing in any other

a time limit on the power of a magistrates' court to try an information summarily should on to any Since an either way offence was

enactment which sought to impose

an indictable offence, section 731(2) could be read in that context as applying only to summary

Mr Justice Garland agreed. Solicitors: Peters & Peters; Solicitor. Department of Trade and

## Possession not use of weapon is crucial

Regina v Duhaney

Regina v Stoddart Before Lord Justice Potter, Mrs

Justice Ebsworth and Mr Justice Dudement November 51 Section 18(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 was intended to be wide enough to embrace those who set out to commit an indictable offence

while intentionally carrying a fire-

arm, whether or not there was intent to use the weapon in the The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved udgment dismissing an appeal by John Stoddart against his convic tion in February 1997 at Inner London Crown Court when he pleaded guilty to having a firearm offence, contrary to section 18 of the

1968 Act, following an adverse ruling by Judge Van Der Werff as

to the interpretation of the statute.

Michael Duhaney and John

attempted robbery and were each sentenced to six years imprison-ment. John Stoddart was sentenced to a further consecutive term of 30 months for the firearms offence making a total in his case of eight and a half years. Both appealed against sentence. Section 18 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) It is an offence for a

Stoddart both pleaded guilty to

person to have with him a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence... "(2) In proceedings for an offence under this section proof that the accused had a firearm or imitation firearm with him and intended to commit an offence, or to resist or intended to have it with him while

Mr Jeffrey Yearwood, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Duhaney, Mr David Barnes, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Stoddart; Mr David Markham for the

MRS JUSTICE EBSWORTHL giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant's case was that the carrying of the firearm and the criminal intent were directly related in that the annellant had to be shown to have had the firearm with him in order to further his criminal intent. It was common ground that the actual use of the weapon was irrelevant. Their Lordships considered that the ingredients of the offence under

section 18(1) of the 1968 Act were made out if it was proved: (a) that the defendant had with him a firearm, (b) that he intended to have it with him and (c) that at the same time he had the intention to commit an indictable offence or to resist or prevent arrest.

That that was so, and in particular that the requisite intent(s) under (b) and (c) were distinct rather than composite elements of the offence, was supported by the wording of section 18(2) which rendered proof of (a) and (c) probative of (b). It was the treatment of (b) as a separate and essential link in the complete offence which on the one hand negated the argument for the Crown that (a) and (c) together were sufficient and, on the other hand, meant that the argument for the appellant went too far in asserting the need for an intention use or carry the gun in furtherance of the indictable

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On the facts admitted before the Court of Appeal the appellant had no defence to the count and there were no good grounds to invaliconviction.

In sentencing, the judge took too high a starting point when sentencing on a plea to the facts. sentencing on a plea to the facts. The appropriate sentence for Duhaney was one of four years imprisonment and for Stoddart a

## Hidden camera offence proved

Vigon v Director of Public Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Kennedy and

[Judgment October 30] Partially concealing a camera so as to film customers trying on swimwear was capable of being disorderly and insulting behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm

or distress contrary to section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by Jeffrey Vigon against his conviction by Sevenoals Justices on December 9, 1996 of disorderly and insulting behaviour within sight of a person likely to be caused harassment alarm or distress

contrary to section 5 of the 1986 Act. The appellant operated a market stall where he sold women's swimwear. He placed a partially concealed video camera in the changing area of the stall so that when customers tried on garments they would be filmed.

Miss Eleanor Laws for the

appellant; Mr Garrett Byrne for the respondent. MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that it had been said for the appellant that filming customers behaviour within the ambit of section 5 of the 1986 Act. It was said that all he had done was to instal and switch on the camera and the filming was not his behaviour. The reported cases such as

R 82) showed that behaviour which fell within section 5 was usually overt behaviour which had a direct effect on persons within sight of the However, it did not seem to her Ladyship that the words of section

5 were meant to be limited to rowdy behaviour. Miss Laws had accepted that if the appellant had peeped between the doors of the changing room it would have been open to the justices to find that insulting behaviour.

The only difference was that the appellant had chosen to peep by video camera. It was open to the instices to find that the acrus in setting up the camera, switching it on and letting it run amounted to insulting behaviour.

Lord Justice Kennedy gave a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Clarke Kiernan, Tonbridge, Crown Prosecution

Delay one relevant consideration Regina v Ealing Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Sahota Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr

[Judgment November 10] Delay was a relevant consideration for justices when considering an application by a convicted person that his case be re-heard. but it was not the only one, and all relevant circumstances had to be taken into account. The old statutory 28 day limit for such applica-

tions should now be treated as a

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an application by Samam Singh Sahota for judicial review of the decision of Ealing Justices of July 3, 1996 to refuse to set aside his conviction of May 29, 1996, for failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis contrary to section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act

Miss Ursula Miszkiel for the defendant; the justices did not appear and were not represented. MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that the defendant had been con-victed by justices in his absence. and had applied 35 days later, under section 142(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, for the

had rejected that application on the ground of delay, giving no consideration to other factors such as the defendant's illness on the due day

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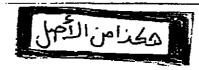
Section 142(4) had originally set a 28-day time limit for such applications but that had been ealed, by sections 26 and 29(2) of and Schedule 3 to the Criminal Appeal Act 1995.

Delay was a relevant consideration, but in ignoring other relevant factors, the justices had failed to exercise their discretion under section 142 and the convic-

tion should be quashed. His Lordship noted that the repeal of the 28-day limit should not be taken as a licence to delay applications and an adherence to that limit as a guideline would be very salutary. Delay was always harmful and the essence of doing justice was that it should be done

expeditiously. LORD JUSTICE PILL agreing. said that justices were entitled to take delay into account but not to reject an application for delay without considering all the relevant circumstances.

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# Teaching judges to do more than judge

Under Government plans to reform civil justice and human rights, members of the judiciary

will be taught that delivering verdicts is only part of their job. Frances Gibb reports

udges are gearing up for a return to school. They are pre-paring for what will be the biggest judicial training exercise since the 1989 Children Act prompted countrywide "lessons" for judges. This time, it is the Government's reforms to the civil justice system and also its Human Rights Bill which pose the biggest training challenge yet to the judiciary.

Lord Justice Henry, the Court of Appeal judge in charge of the training of judges as chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, acknowledges that a "considerable training effort" is needed. The civil justice reforms, proposed by Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, will

mean a complete change in attitude. "It is to do with a whole culture change," he says. "Instead of sitting as umpires, judges will be more proactive and managerial."

For the first time, judges will be trial managers, knocking heads together. pushing the pace of litigation and controlling costs. The idea is to make civil

litigation cheaper and quicker, and therefore open to more people. The change is needed, Lord Justice Henry says. "Forty years ago, when I started, the attitude was: as long as you, the judge, got the answer right, you'd done your bit. Forget that the answer had taken years and the parties were

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The "Woolf" training involves three stages: the first, an introductory one-and-a-half days for all 800 full-time judges from district judge up to Court of Appeal, is complete. Although no one knew if the new Government would continue to implement Woolf, the training momentum had to be maintained. Stage two will be a series of seminars (two to three days) on the details of the new rules which will govern all civil proceedings and hands-on practice in running a case". Stage three may cover new technology and the organising of judges into local teams, because Lord Woolf envisages local civil justice centres with one

senior judge in charge. The message is that you can't leave the speed and cost of litigation to the parties." Lord Justice Henry says. "The court has to control it and to ensure it is proportionate to the importance of the issue at stake."

Sceptics say that some judges may not be up to their new role. Lord Justice Henry disagrees: "There are not many quiet-lifers. They are a serious lot. I am heartened," he says, singling out for praise the district judges who will bear

the brunt of the changes.
On top of Woolf, there is the upheaval that the Human Rights Bill will cause. The Bill, which incorporates the European Convention on Human

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Rights, will affect every court and tribunal. "It's a formidable task, something that can pop up anywhere, and it's a different way of looking at things — an exciting prospect. Lord Justice Henry says.

Judges will be taught about the kind of human

rights points that lawyers will raise and, Lord Justice Henry continues, we will teach judges and magis-trates not to be too bowled over by all of this because

we have tried to apply these principles for hundreds of years, so we will start from a common-sense view."

It is all a far cry from when the Judicial Studies Board first started work in 1979 and "training" was sniffed at. Judges now accept the need for it; and the board's remit and standing have both expanded greatly since its early days. In all but name it is almost a judicial college, responsible for its own budget (£3.3 million last year) and for deciding what training is needed for both new and sitting judges. It consists mostly of judges but has a full-time post of director of studies, and last year moved to new offices at Millbank Tower with its own conference centre and training rooms.

There has been some hostility, particularly to the ethnic-awareness training for all full-time judges. That has now gone. Specialist training seminars are being run on child abuse — 139 judges have taken part in two seminars so far - and the "human awareness" sessions, now called "equal treatment" seminars, are being incor-



Lord Justice Henry: "Judges will be more proactive and managerial"

porated into training for new judges and refresher courses.

"Judges did not go for human awareness; they felt they were aware enough." Lord Justice Henry says. These courses will cover how to deal with anyone appearing in court who may be "seen to be disadvantaged", including child witnesses, litigants in person, the disabled and rape victims.

Judges still come under fire over seemingly crass remarks to rape victims, and many believe training in this field has far to go. Lord Justice Henry rejects that view. Judges, he says, take rape seriously — the average length of sentence has doubled in the past ten years - and often a remark is wrongly reported or taken out of context. Better judge-press liaison would help, he says, but only experienced judges sit on these cases. If they were no good, they would be taken off

And if they slip up, the public's eye is on them, he says. The training is all part of ensuring they do a good job - and are seen to do so. What we are trying to do, and I believe succeed in doing, is being more professional. I think we are all more professional than we used to be."

#### Ben Cooper on a Caribbean prison nightmare

## Noose tightens on Jamaica's death row

n the eve of Interna-tional Human Rights Year, which marks the 50th anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Jamaican Government has announced the resumption of hanging after a hiatus of ten years.

With a culture of violence and corruption on the island and a murder rate (to which the police add approximately 150 fatal shootings a year) out of control, capital punishment is being exploited by the Government in a cynical "tough on crime" election

To quicken the pace of executions, the right of appeal to the UN Human Rights Committee for death row prisoners has just been removed, and impractical time limits on appeals to the Inter-American Commission imposed which are incompatible with Jamaica's international obligations.

The situation is so urgent that a party of London's top human rights lawyers led by Edward Fitzgerald, QC, recently flew to Washington DC to block these moves and save Jamaicans from going to the gallows before their rights have been heard.

With elections suddenly called for December 18, hangings are widely expected early in the new year.

Plans are also afoot to abolish the criminal jurisdiction of the Privy Council in London, substituting it with a local Caribbean final court of appeal. This would probably further increase hanging by removing an international perspective on the death

Saul Lehrfreund of Simons Muirhead and Burton, who specialises in defending con-demned men from the Carib-bean, says: "For purists, the Privy Council has no place in West Indies society. But despite the anachronism, its value lies in the quality of its justice. Distance strengthens independence and objectivity, and reduces the danger of



49 men face the gallows

The 49 men on death row are losing hope. Some have gone mad. They are the vic-tims of an inadequate criminal justice system. Legal aid is so minimal that defendants are convicted without a proper defence or a fair trial. Many claim they were forced to sign statements confessing to murder to stop severe beatings by

Rehabilitation is a foreign concept to the prison regime. When I questioned the Commissioner of Prisons about a recent disturbance, he admitted to having ordered the burning of death row prisoners' possessions, and to being present when the inmates

were arbitrarily beaten. Conditions in the prisons are degrading. Disease is rife, and even the warders complain of appalling sanitation. The cells are dark and tiny, the food inedible, exercise minimal, and some men are raped by cellmates or kept apart for their warders' sexual easure in return for favours.

Infection with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases is rampant, according to the prisons doctor. The danger to the wider community is disturbing. When the Commissioner of Prisons announced on the radio plans to distribute condoms to the warders, as well as to inmates, the warders, who felt publicly society, instantly protested. Armed mobs of prisoners were allowed to rampage around the high-security compounds, seeking homosexuals

An inquiry into the riots — during which 20 people died — has heard evidence that some warders incited rioting before walking out on strike, while others stood by as men were stabbed, kicked and burnt to death inside and outside their cells.

On other occasions, inmates have been killed by warders. On one visit interviewing death row inmates with a colleague from the Jamaica Council for Human Rights (JCHR), a man innocently waiting at the admin office was kicked and punched by a deputy superintendent.

An extensive pro bono team of London solicitors and barristers represent death row prisoners by bringing their cases before the Privy Council and international rights courts. The JCHR works with the British lawyers by meeting the prisoners to report their ill-treatment and to investigate unfair trial issues. The lawyers trying to save their clients' lives rarely meet them.

One of the condemned men I got to know while preparing their appeals has described the plight of death row inmates in poems and letters to newspapers. Leroy Lamey gives hope to desperate prisoners by teaching them to read, reading them their rights and protecting them.

During a week in the condemned cell next to the gallows, where he was being measured and weighed for the drop, one of his cellmates went mad and threw his faeces around the cell. Lamey counselled this man by encouraging hope for survival. What hope now?

◆ The JCHR is now closed through lack of funds. Donations to reopen it can be made by contacting Ben Cooper at 56 Abdale Road, London W12 7EU

#### Goodbye to the bench

JUDGES nearly always "retire", so the announcement that Lord Justice Staughton was to "resign" caused a flurry. of speculation. But it is all quite innocent the judge -who went on to the High Court bench in 1981 - says he has not fallen out with the Lord Chancellor or the Lord

"I feel I have done enough judging and would like to look for some other occupation." he explains. "But I am not plan-ning to cease work, so I didn't think that the word "retire" was right." Lord Justice Staughton is 64% — young by judge standards, although not in other walks of life.

"All too many of my colleagues stay on until a great age," he remarks. "But it is very demanding being in the Court of Appeal." He is likely to continue to sit as a deputy from time to time, as well as exploring other avenues such as arbitration.

Name that firm

SCRIVENOR recently reported that the days of Sue, Grabbit & Runne may be over now that the Law Society is to abolish most restrictions gov-erning law firms' names. Richard Orgill, from Ad Hoc Marketing and Communications, has already seen the opportunities. He suggests the following names as likely to prove popular: Briefs R Us, The Writ Shop, Litigation Unlimited, Legal Eagles or EC4 Law (or indeed EC3 Law, EC2, WC! Law) and Rumpole's."

Peter Brice, from Brimstage. Wirral, says there was an old-established law firm in Sligo with whom he had



Phibbs, while Stuart Duncan, of the London law firm Bircham & Co., remarks: "When my then firm, Stoneham Langton & Passmore, merged with Bircham, I suggested to my partners the name Bircham Stoneham. One of my partners said: 'Why not go all the way and call it Bircham, Stoneham & Hangem?"
Neil Allan, of Dumfries,

writes: "I am nearly certain there was truth in the story that a firm of solicitors existed in Stirling in the Seventies called Weish & Robb."

Lender beware A COURT of Appeal hearing that starts today will prove a

ty industry, with wide implications for property lenders, valuers and other professionals. Dibb Lupton Alsop says

appeal is upheld, then lenders will be on notice that if they choose to sue valuers, their own lending conduct and poli-

that Platform Home Loans v. Oyston Shipways and Bernard Thorpe will be keenly scrutinised: "If the lender's appeal is upheld, then valuers and surveyors would not be able to claim that a lender's poor lending procedures con-tributed to the losses incurred. Lenders would only be penalised to the extent that their actions had contributed to the faulty valuation itself. "However, if the valuers'



Rethink on fraud juries THE GOVERNMENT is

looking at trial by jury and whether it should be used for serious fraud cases. The Lord Chancellor and the Solicitor General have both said that there is a case to look at the issue again. Lord Irvine of Lairg told The Times last month: "Everybody has a concern that really heavy fraud trials may be too difficult for ordinary juries." A seminar tomorrow by the British Academy of Fo-

rensic Sciences will look at the effectiveness of juries for fraud cases. Details from Anthony Heaton-Armstrong. 0171 400 1800.

cies will continue to be closely scrutinised in the law courts."

Risky business

ACCORDING to Focus magazine, the average Briton risks breaking the law up to 20 times a day. In this month's issue, it says people risk large fines and imprisonment while gardening, going to work. having a teabreak or relaxing

at the end of the day. Lighting or stubbing out cigarettes can fall foul of driving without due care and attention; taking a cup of coffee at work could be illegal if not declared as a benefit in kind" and declared on a tax self-assessment form; and running over a dog — but not a cat — on the way home is an

Paul Colbert, the Editor, says: "The nation's law makers need to keep up. It's still illegal to shout 'taxi', to beat your wife after 9pm because of the noise, or to make love on the steps of a church after sundown. Is it allowed in broad daylight?"

Taking the credit CALLING all lawyers with a hankering for the film industry: Ola Cole, a lawyer who trained with Norton Rose, is

helping to make what she says is an "exciting, sexy crime noir, called *The Mexican* Stand-Off", with Johnson Family Films. A number of lawyers have

already provided financial help, and Andrew Curtis, of Russells, the music law firm, is advising. More investors are needed, however, and those who give money will be receive a a screen credit in return. Channel 4 has also commissioned a documentary on the making of the film. Details from JFF, telephone 0958 521522

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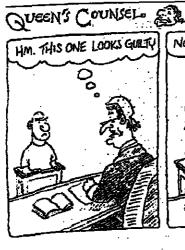
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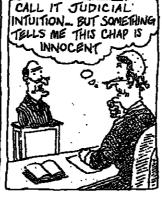
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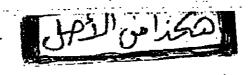
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## Forget beef. It's tax that bothers us

Fears of approaching changes to their subsidies and levies

British agricultural industry. All over the country farmers are rushing to their law-yers. Many are deciding that the time has come to sell up. The day of reckoning is almost upon them. So is BSE exacting its final toll?

Forget it. The three-lettered acronym which strikes terror into the farmer's heart is CGT - Capital Gains Tax.
Simon Kirkup, of Dickinson
Dees, one of the leading agricul-

tural lawyers, says: "Farmers were worried before the election. They were worried before the green Budget. And they'll be worried before the Budget in the spring."
The cause of their fear is the threat to the favourable conditions they enjoy under Capital Gains Tax. They also anticipate that changes to inheritance tax will have an

are leading more farmers to sell up. Edward Fennell reports adverse effect. The capital tax legislation is due to change in the next Budget," warns Mr Kirkup.

There is a last chance to restructure a large family business." Falling farm incomes and BSE have played a part in persuading people to think about leaving the land. There have also been incentives for smaller farmers to get out. Robert Unwin of Batens, in Dorset, says he has been busy with sales since the beginning of the year. And Mike Thomson of Arnold Thomson, in Northamptonshire, says: They are getting rid of their milk quotas and taking advantage of CGT retirement relief while they have a chance."

Yet despite the volume of sales, the price of land has been holding up. Robert Unwin says: "People have been queueing up for land. I find that the purchasers are mostly people whose core business is not farming but who are interested in the amenity value of the land. They are taking profits earned elsewhere and putting them into land to gain tax relief. They will probably continue to farm profitably, but that is not their main

motive." Elsewhere, the demand for farmland comes from property developers. The Oxfordshire agricultural specialists, Henmans, say that pressure for extra housing in the shire counties has led to largescale sales of greenfield sites on the edges of "railway villages". Roger Henman, based in the firm's Woodstock office, says: "Developers are taking up options on farmland, and good prices are being achieved. If a village has good access to Oxford and London, then the money is available."

So the bread-and-butter work of most agricultural specialists over the past year has been property and tax related. A few farmers have needed help over the completion of their IACS forms (Integrated Administration and Control System) for the Government but they are the exceptions.

This frenzy of buying and selling is expected to continue until next April when, according to Roger Henman, the market may go flat - but only for a short time. The next big issue will then be Agenda 2000, The EU's follow-up to the

Common Agricultural Policy.
Dickinson Dees has an agricultural specialist permanently based in Brussels to tap into EC thinking. of UK farming and that on the Continent has always been problematic, and that may increase. In brief, the envisaged subsidies from Europe are expected to have a cap. Beyond a certain size, there will be no more money available. Small farmers in Normandy will not mind. Large farmers in Northum-

Simon Kirkup says: "It will be up to lawyers to devise clever ways

Countries vary considerably in their approach to divorce payments, reports Frances Gibb

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of dealing with this." Crude efforts to break up large holdings so they are turned into lots of smaller units, each of which qualifies for a subsidy, will not get past the

Kirkup and his colleagues are now working on more subtle devices to ensure that his clients do not lose out too badly. Beef may hit the headlines, but tax and subsidy is the bottom line.





Top: Bianca Jagger, who wanted a Californian divorce. Above: Victoria Spencer, who wanted hers in England

#### ast Thursday's award Where to get most of £12 million to the devoted wife of a corporate executive for her support through 32 years of marriage may encourage hundreds of divorcing wives from your divorce whose loyalty can be measured in support in the home. The Superior Court in Stamford, Connecticut, decided that

behind Gary Wendt, deserved the £12 million plus £150,000 a "big-money" action. London is the place for a woman to go if year, even though she did not earn a penny of their £60 million fortune. As is common the alternative, such as South in America, the judge ruled that the couple should divide Africa, looks only at the wealth accumulated during a marequally "all of the current riage and not at any inherited available cash, stocks, bonds wealth the man has — in Earl and mutual fund assets of the Spencer's case, some £100

In big-money divorces,

therefore, the forum for the

hearing is critical in determin-

Earlier last week, in a court The English courts also in South Africa, a £2 million have discretion in how to split a couple's finances, deciding deal was agreed between Earl Spencer and his wife Victoria. what is "fair and reasonable" The Earl had originally hoped in the circumstances, Judges to get away with £300,000. By in England would be unlikely comparison with the Amerito award a sum similar to Lady Conran's recent E10.5 can example, that deal seemed small fry. But as the countess's million settlement, given the solicitor Maryly La Follette, of Charles Russell & Co, pointed relative brevity of the Spencer marriage. But, lawyers say, out, it was the biggest settle-Earl Spencer would have been ment ever made for a wife by well aware that the award would have far exceeded the the South African courts. £300,000 that he originally

Yet Ms La Follette admits that the Countess could have done better by more than £l million if the divorce had been heard in the British courts. So, where to divorce? The ping" - or "forum fighting" - is the first step in any celebrity divorce action. Jeremy Levison, head of family law at

"London can be the best place, but it may not be. One man's credit is another's debit. In the divorce of Mick and Bianca Jagger, Bianca wanted the divorce in California and he wanted it in London." The reason, he explains, is that many American

action' states work on a community of property" principle, splitting assets on a 50:50 basis, "whereas in England we have equitable distribution".

The richer the couple, the worse off the wife would be in London, compared with di-

vorcing in many US states.

couple may end up with more than half the assets if these are not great," Mr Levison says. "But at the higher end, the Collyer Bristow, says: courts have shown in recent cases that however

many millions the husband has, they regard an award of £9-£10 million as Jane Simpson, a

with Manches & Co, says the Dart divorce in 1996, the classic recent case of forum shopping", showed that judges in London will impose strict

limits in multi-million-pound settlements. Robert Dart, an American, was supposedly worth a quarter of the \$4.4 billion family plastic-cup empire. But in a landmark ruling, the Court of Appeal decided in May 1996 that £9 million was

needed. "She wanted to di-vorce in Michigan, where she would have got half his fortune. London is usually a good forum for wives but not necessarily for the very wealthy."
Ms Simpson says.

Peter George, the leading divorce lawyer at Charles Russell, says there is a complex check list that lawyers go through before deciding which forum might be best, provided they have enough time to consider the matter. "At the end you get together a team, research it and take an objec-

tive view." The check list of considerations includes which countries have jurisdiction to hear the divorce; the likely sum the client will obtain there; likely legal costs; how much publicity will probably ensue (some divorces are heard in chambers); where the orders will be enforced and whether any other country where a partner

has assets will comply with

them; and tax implications. The existence of a prenuptial contract, which might say that a couple would split everything 5050 or that each would take their own property back, is another crucial factor

"Many European courts are bound by these contracts." Mr George says, "but in this country, courts don't have to be bound by them, although they might take account of

Finally there is the question - one relevant to the Spencers of the courts' attitude to inherited wealth. In Scotland, and in other countries, this is not taken into account when

assessing a person's assets. As for where a couple can claim to want their divorce heard, that comes down to the laws of a particular

jurisdiction. Chris Barton, a family law professor at Staffordshire University, says: "Courts will ask which country has the closest connnection with the case in terms of where the husband or wife is domiciled. or had lived before they split: and where the children are

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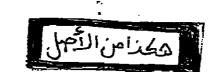
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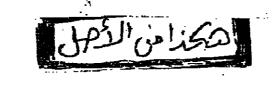
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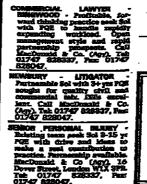
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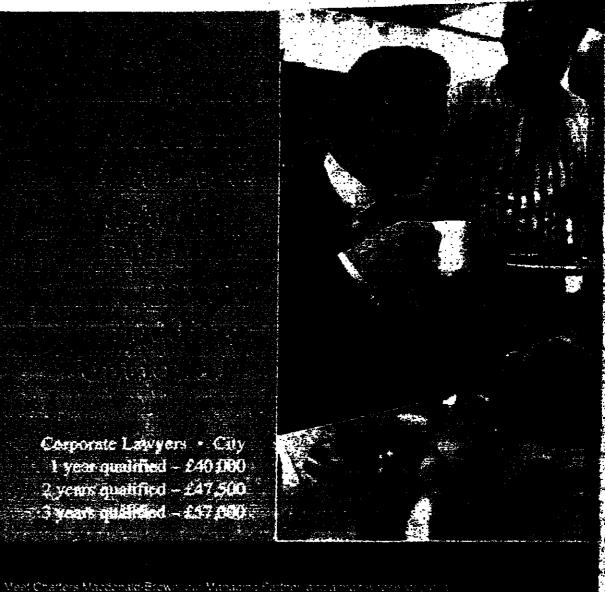
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## Under the skin of sport

# University game gives lesson in self expression

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club by storm almost

He remains grateful for

Reeves's guidance. "I had

three great years at university, made it to Twickenham and

got the timing just about right

in terms of going down to

The allusion to Twicken-

ham refers to the 1993 final of

the UAU competition, in

which Bristol lost a thrilling

match against Loughborough.

Reeves is adamant that such

vibrant matches in the cradle

of university rugby foster a more complete and skilful

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at international level, like

Bracken, King, De Glanville,

even the forwards like Diprose

and Hill: they are often the

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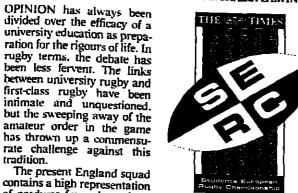
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**GROUP 4** 

You look at the really

Bristol, Bracken said.

immediately.



intimate and unquestioned. but the sweeping away of the amateur order in the game has thrown up a conumensurate challenge against this The present England squad contains a high representation of products from the university rugby circuit. There is a real possibility, however, that to shield Bracken from the pressure of first-class rugby with Bristol until his third the present crop may prove to be the last, prompting unfayear as a student. Bracken miliar questions in rugby cirwas, by then, more than ready

cles over the universities' role in a player's development. As clubs start to flex their newfound financial muscles, the cream of Great Britain's youth are being targeted straight from school and denied the opportunity to play university

Bristol University and their director of rugby. Bob Reeves, are at the cutting edge of the debate. Two of their recent alumni are Kyran Bracken and Alex King, who was originally selected as the pivot of the England team for the match against Australia last month. In devoting their first two years as students exclusively to the university game, they may prove to be the last of a dving breed. Both are convinced that their years playing university rughy were vital in

their development as players. Reeves, who has been in charge of Bristol University's rugby since 1972, was careful

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The 15 teams play in four pools in a round-robin tournament from Di with the first-named team as hosts. Pool winners qualify for the sen on lan 14, 1998 with the final on len 31.

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with the ball in their hands, gave them the opportunity to express themselves and develop their skills."

On and off the field, the university system allows its players to flourish in a laissez faire environment that is not forthcoming in the stifling goldfish bowl of first-class

rugby.

King, a model product of the university stable, speaks warmly of the nourishing diet of university life. In the league, with two points at stake, you are not able to go out and try things and there aren't that many games now where you can make a mistake and people won't worry about it. Playing with your best

mates also. I think, develops you as a character and that will portray itself on the pitch. I would always advise anyone to play university rugby, especially in the first year. You are not missing out at all and, if you're that good, you will make it anyway.

Reeves, as student representative for the Rugby Football Union (RFU), works hard to promote the university cause the face of its debasement by the clubs, who increasingly lure players straight from school into contracts. He has been instrumental in organising this year's inaugural European Student Cup, sponsored by The Times, in which 16 of the strongest universities in Europe will contest the tournament along the lines of the Heineken Cup. Reeves said: "We have got to

show that our fixture list is attractive enough for prospective players coming to university to say: 'Hey, I wouldn't mind playing in that." Once they are doing that, they will then find that it is good, it's challenging, it's interesting, it's skilful. But in some cases nowadays, players are being led down another road before they even find that. This European competition is just one means of addressing

With the final of the competition scheduled as a curtain raiser to the Heineken Cup final next month, a showcase for some of Europe's most promising talent is assured. After a full and rounded education, graduation to the real thing would then surely



Sampson watches the Great Wakering youth team in their home game against Basildon - next week they play Ipswich Town at Portman Road

## Great Wakering cause a stir

hether a view is breathtaking or not depends on where one began walking. A secondround tie in The Times FA Youth Cup may be a molehill to the mightiest football clubs in England and Wales, but to others it represents a mountain heroically climbed.

The air is certainly becoming rarified for the boys of Great Wakering Rovers, who are quietly thrilled to discover how their little run in the competition has put their village on the map - in the minds of a few outsiders, at

Great Wakering, five miles from Southend and home to a few thousand inhabitants, has been putting out a men's team since Lloyd George's premiership, but set up a youth team only a few years ago. In their only previous foray into the cup. Rovers fell at the first hurdle

This year, they have beaten lpswich Wanderers, Harlow and King's Lynn in the qualifying rounds and Crawley Town in the first round. Their reward is to play Ipswich Town, erstwhile Football League champions, away from home at their Portman Road ground next Monday. This is an incredible thing

for us. They have played in cup finals in their own league. but this will be the biggest game most of the boys have ever played in," Roger Sampson, the club secretary, said.

One of the boy's fathers is taking a coach-load of friends the 40 miles to Ipswich for the tie. while other family sup**Simon Wilde** looks at two clubs relishing their runs in The Times FA Youth Cup

porters are also making the trip. When Great Wakering beat Crawley in the previous round, 160 people watched the game, their biggest atten-

In their league, the Eastern Junior Alliance, they can select boys up to 18 years old and benefit from the fact that other leagues are restricted to an age ceiling of 162. They recently picked up several ver-age players from Catholic United, of the Southend Junior League, but, against that, must make do without one of their best players. Stavros Jones, who is registered with Barnet and un-

available for the cup.

Wakering's cabbage-patch kids have a ground of which many clubs would be proud. "We have had our present ground for about ten years," Sampson said, "Before that, it was simply a load of allotments, but we acquired a nice long lease, have built a clubhouse, put Tarmac on the car park and put up floodlights. Finding the money is hard, but we do the usual things like organise raffles. Any money we get is ploughed straight

back into the club." Many of Great Wakering's boys are still at school in Southend: Enfield's juniors are altogether more experienced - in football and life

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Great Wakering are ready for their tie with Ipswich Town

full-time opposition of Bristol Rovers at their own Southbury Road stadium on Wednesday evening, half will have come hot-foot from work. Living in the shadow of Arsenal and Tottenham

When they take on the largely

Hotspur, Enfield has been running a youth side for nearly 30 years, with considerable success of late. Jim Chandler, the manager, has the assistance of two coaches and players who have been picked up from professional clubs. In the first round of the competition, which is sponsored by The Times, they beat Stevenage Borough 5-1.

"Ours is not a story of great hardship. The youth team receives more support than many non-league sides and at a recent match drew an attendance of nearly 500, which is about what the first team attracts." Топу O'Driscoll, the club's former secretary, said.

"We had a good run a couple of years ago when we beat Leyton Orient and this year we feel we can give Bristol Rovers a good game." There is a strong social side to the competition, for boys and parents. O'Driscoll's son. Oliver, played over 200 times for the Enfield youth side and

was on schoolboy forms with Wimbledon for a while, "We dads liked to meet up, have a drink and chew the fat. O'Driscoll sr said. "Wednesday night will be

the highlight of the year for the boys. Some of them will not play youth football again. We are going out to enjoy it."



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#### **FISHING**

## Macclesfield angler finds true joy in Severn heaven

ONE OF the most coveted and in recent years controversial - of all angling records has been broken with the capture of a 16lb 3oz barbel from the River Severn in Worcestershire. The fish was taken by Howard Maddocks, of Macclesfield, and beat by a single ounce the former record set in 1992

While there is no doubt the new specimen will be accepted by the British Record Fish Committee - after all the witnesses included the chairman of the Barbel Society himself - there will be some disappointment that it could not have weighed in at just a less ounces more.

In August this year, Ray Wood, a London angler, claimed the capture of a 16lb Sw barbel from the Great chase. He did not claim the record, showed no pictures of the fish and would not name the location of his capture. Under normal circum-

By Brian Clarke have been given short shrift.

However, the Great Ouse has produced many big barbel in the past and so was credible as the source of a monster. Wood is a dedicated barbel angler and therefore credible as the potential captor of such a fish. What is more, the reason Wood gave for his position is one with which anglers increasingly are coming to identify. His principle concern was not for the record but for the fish to be returned alive to the

Once a truly big fish is caught and its location becomes public knowledge, it comes under pressure: the chest-beaters and medallion men home in, hoping to catch it themselves. They are naturally helped if the river is small. For months. Wood's claim, unproven and unaccepted but still asserted, has loomed over the specimen hunting world like a ghost.



Maddocks proudly shows off his massive barbet

The medallion-man issue goes further back. Until 1992-93, the barbel record had been held for 58 years by a fish weighing 14lb 6oz. Then, in the space of four months, the record was broken three times, on each occasion with the same fish taken from the same reach of the same river - the Medway, in Kent. The first two claims were even made by the same angler, who caught the fish at 14Ib 7oz and then 14lb lloz. When caught a third time, the fish

weighed 15lb 7oz. Concern was voiced partly for the integrity of the records system, but mostly for the fish itself. It was clear that the Medway barbel was being put under tremendous angling pressure - not only because it was caught repeatedly, but because of its rapid

Barbel is a slow-growing species and for the Medway fish to have put on a pound in a few weeks meant that it must have been living over a carpet of high-protein food. Which means anglers' groundbait.

Since then, specimen-hunters have been going out of their way to avoid "Medway syndrome". More and more secrecy has been creeping in, with the view to protecting large, individual fish. The decision adopted by Ray Wood was, some have argued, simply the most extreme example

The fact that the Severn fish has helped to take the spotlight off the Medway will be widely welcomed, but Ray Wood's claim will still haunt some. What everyone in the harbel world is looking for is a fish that will beat it out of



**FOOTBALL** 

ON A day of rare upset, Latymer Upper yesterday won the Independent Schools' six-a-side football tournament at Some of the more celebrated teams, such as Ardingly and Repton, were beaten and it was left to Bolton to contest

the final. Bolton, who had travelled to Essex to beat IN SCHOOLS Brentwood 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup on Sunday, understandably became increasingly tired as the daylong competition went on. Winners of the tournament on seven occasions, they had

before they reached the final. Latymer shook Bolton by almost scoring in the opening minute, when Jason Mendes hit a post after Richard Sellers, the goalkeeper, who has played nearly 100 games for the school first team, had scrambled a shot away.

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ties by Ardingly and Chigwell

Brentwood.

Latymer then displayed composure and determination and Dean Francis, who scored six goals yesterday, was a constant threat in attack. They deserved to hold Bolton 0-0 after extra time

and took the cup by winning the penalty shoot-out 4-3. Frank McMorrow, masterin-charge of football at Latymer, described the performance as an outstanding team effort. They got into the mentality of winning." he

Haileybury caused another surprise by defeating Repton I-O in the quarter-finals with a goal from Ollie Petersen. Repron seemed tired - their team was full of members of the side that won the Midlands schools' hockey title on Sunday - but Haileybury covered ceaselessly and deserved their victory.

In the semi-final draw for the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup, Repton, who beat Eton 2-1 in the previous round, are

interesting, for Bolton were beaten finalists last season, while Repton have won all their 18 games this term, an unprecedented achievement.

Their team is built around three outstanding figures -Adam Ross, the sweeper, Sin-clair Le Geyt, in midfield, and Sean McNally, their leading goalscorer. In the other semi-final,

Ardingly, who beat Shrewsbury 3-1 in the quarter-finals, are at home to Qegs. Blackburn, 5-1 winners over King's Chester. Ardingly are described by Chris Saunders, the former Oxford blue and outgoing headmaster of Lancing, as "the best independent schools team I have ever seen". However, having lost two finals of both this cup and the six-a-side competition in recent years and, having failed to win yesterday, they need to acquire a stern temperament to ensure they are at last victorious this season.

Victorious this season.

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**BOWLS** 

## Composed Latymer make | Anti-women stance scuppers fixture

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

MEN and women are equal. except, it seems, when it comes to playing bowls. Despite the growing popularity of the mixed game, officials of the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) have struck a blow for male chauvinists everywhere by cancelling the weekend fixture with the English Bowls Players Association (EBPA) because women would

be in the opposition line-up. When the EIBA found out that the players intended to field two women in their 24person side, it said that it could not fulfil the fixture, at Watford, because some of its own players "might be upset". Bill Fowler, the 70-year-old president of the EIBA, said: The fixture was arranged last winter, when the EBPA was an all-male body, and our members would have put their

names down on that basis." Tony Allcock, the chairman of the EBPA, said that the players had changed their constitution in April in order to accept women. "When we opened our doors to women. there was a lot of publicity. There can't be many male bowlers who don't know that

we are a mixed association,"

"We were astonished, and disappointed, to learn that the EIBA had a problem. We had selected Margaret Dyer, from Clevedon, and Bridget Hay. from Learnington, and could not countenance asking them to drop out. That would have been unacceptable. Although this annual fixture is a friendly, you can't have your opponents picking your team. It's a

matter of principle. Ironically, six women were among the 300 guests who sang Happy Birthday to Fowler at the annual dinner of the national outdoor association (EBA) at the Connaught Rooms in London on Saturday. History was made when the female winners and runners-up of the national mixed competitions were allowed to join their male partners in the body of the hall for the first time. Previously, the only women to be entertained at the annual knees-up were the wives of top-ranking officials, who sit separately, or representatives of sponsors, or special guests.

☐ John Ades, from Warwickshire, has been installed as the new president of the English Bowls Association.

TO THE WARE !

FROM PHILYATES

TONY DRAGO overcame a heavy head cold and the most promising player to emerge from Australia in 30 years to become the first player to reach the quarter-finals of the German Open here yesterday.

Drago, who began the season at No 11 in the world rankings, his highest position since turning profes-sional in 1985, defeated Quinten Hann 5-3. despite playing and feeling apprecia-bly below par.

'Quinten's a fine player, but thankfully he didn't perform anywhere near his best," Drago said. "My head felt so clogged up when I was down on certain shots that I thought it was going to drop on the table. It caused me to miss a lot of pots."

An errant long red from Hann in the first frame and a weak safety shot in the second afforded Drago the opportunity to compile breaks of 34 and 37 to lead 2-0, but, coughing and spluttering around the table, he could not press home the advantage.

Hann, who included Mark Williams, the world No 4, among his victims in the qualifying competition and is regarded as the most talented Australian player since Eddie Chariton, scored runs of 49, 34. 58 and 35 to account for two of the next three frames.

By winning a scrappy sixth frame. Drago moved 4-2 ahead, but, leading 43-0 in the seventh frame and with the balls invitingly spread, Drago jawed a routine black off its spot. Hann, known for his resilience, responded with a 73 clearance to trail only 4-3.

Given Drago's 9-8 defeat by Matthew Stevens in the last 32 of the United Kingdom championship two weeks ago, after leading 5-1 and 8-6, he was entitled to fear the worst. The relief after a matchwinning 52 break in the eighth frame was therefore understandable.

"I'm so pleased to get that out of the way," Drago said.
"Hopefully, with medicine
and a few early nights, I'll be OK for my next game." He will also require a considerable improvement in order to contain James Wattana, who has prevailed in six of their seven previous meetings, or Ronnie O'Sullivan, the title-

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL: VERSATILE QUARTERBACK HELPS STEELERS FORGE AHEAD

## Stewart finds his true calling

THEY used to call him "Slash", because, in a sport where one discipline and one position is usually more than enough for any player to cope with, Kordell Stewart excelled in three. Against his name on the Pittsburgh Steelers' roster, officials wrote down his position as quarterback/running back/wide receiver. Those backslashes were a testament to his versatility.

When the Steelers reached the Super Bowl two years ago, Stewart was forced into the wide receiver role, kept out of the quarterback position, which was his favour-ite, by Neil O'Donnell. But after O'Donnell left for the New York Jets at the start of the following season, Stewart gradually persuaded the Steelers' coach, Bill Cowher,

that he should be the starting

quarterback. On Sunday night, in subzero temperatures in Pennsylvania, Stewart finally proved that he was no longer a jack of all trades but a master of one when he led the Steelers to an invigorating 35-24 win over the Denver Broncos. Throwing and running with equal success, he seemed to have brought a new dimension to

the quarterback position.
The Steelers' victory means that, after a slow start to the regular season, they have clinched a play-off berth with two games to spare. Sitting on top of the American Foot-ball Conference (AFC) eastern division, above the Miami Dolphins and New York Jets, they are also beginning to look as though they could be the team with the right momentum to make them the strongest in the AFC come the

play-offs. It seems that Denver, reeling in the wake of two successive losses, might have left their best form behind them once more and they have been overtaken by the Kansas City Chiefs at the head of the AFC West. Sunday, though, was about praising Stewart, not damning John Elway, the Broncos quarterback, and his stuttering team-mates.

Stewart, who has made it known that he no longer wants to be called "Slash" but The Man" instead, made such an impact against the Broncos that Cowher ran on to the pitch after the quarterback sneak - it was more like a brag or a boast than a sneak - that sealed the Steelers' win and threw his arms around his startled player.

Stewart completed 18 of 29 sses for 303 vards

three touchdowns and rushed ten times for 49 yards and two touchdowns to seal a mesmeric personal performance. "It was definitely my best game," he said. Cowher went further. "Kordell Stewart won this game for us with his arm and his running," he said. "It's tough to outscore John Elway, but he did it.

"It was our most complete game of the year. We've been in enough close ones and we've been down before so we have great will to win."

Elway could not disguise his own disappointment, sensing, perhaps, that one last oppor-tunity to win the Super Bowl and his career might be on the point of slipping away.
"In the second half," he said.

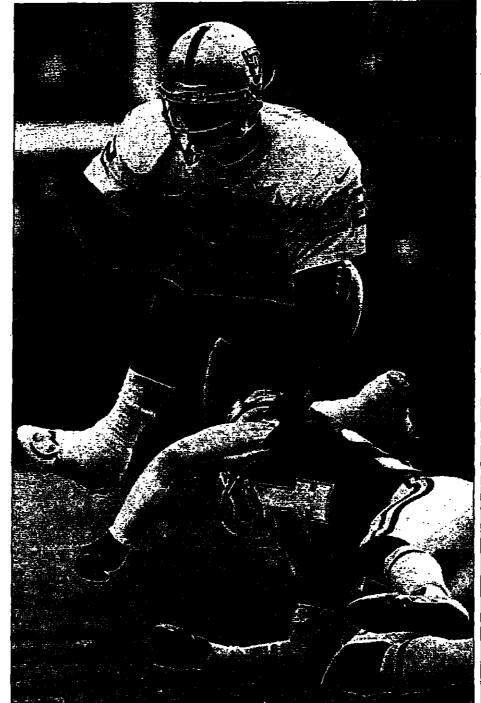
"we didn't make the plays. You have to make some bis plays and stay on the field and we didn't do that. Today was a good old-fashioned butt whipping and we were on the wrong end." Denver's misfortune,

seized upon by their division opponents, the Chiefs, who humiliated their most bitter rivals, the Oakland Raiders, by preventing them from scoring a point. Their 30-0 win. helped by three more field goals from Pete Stoyanovich, the National Football League's most proficient kicker, took them into a share of the lead in the AFC West, alongside the

As the Chiefs rise, though, another fairy-tale in the east seems to be encountering a grim touch of reality. Two weeks ago, it seemed as though the Jets, who only won one of their 16 regular season games last year, were set for an improbable entrance into the play-offs. On Sunday, they were beaten by the team that has inherited their mantle as the whipping boys of the NFL.

After their 22-14 loss to the Indianapolis Colts in New Jersey, the New England Patriots knocked the Jets off their perch at the top of the AFC East and even the prospect of the play-offs seems to be "Collectively, I'm not going

to put up with that kind of thing," Bill Parcells, the Jets coach, said. Things will change. Take my word for it." Finally, the Green Bay Packers, the reigning Super Bowl champions, clinched their place in the play-offs with a 17-6 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Florida. The bully came in and beat us in our own backyard," Warren Sann, the Buccaneers' defen-



Harvey Williams, the Oakland running back, takes evasive action against Kansas City

# NFL DETAILS

## Cardiff make trip pay dividends in the end

**E ICE HOCKEY:** Cardiff Devils came back from the disappointment of losing to Ayr Scottish Eagles in the Benson and Hedges Cup final in Sheffield on Saturday by stopping off for a 6-2 win against the Superleague leaders, Nottingham Panthers, on the way home on Sunday. Steve Thornton gave Cardiff the lead, but a Greg Hadden goal levelled the scores within a minute. Marty Yewchuk put the visitors ahead again, but once more Nottingham replied swiftly, this time through leff Schastian.

In the last four minutes of the second period, Kip Noble and Ian Cooper scored for Cardiff and this time there was to be no response. Ivan Matulik scored Cardiff's fifth goal 29sec into the final period and Noble netted his second of the game in

the 46th minute to complete the victory.
The bottom club, Newcastle Cobras, also picked up two points away from home, beating Basingstoke Bison, the team just above them, 4-2. Jamie Pegg, Brett Stewart, Randy Smith and Jonathan Weaver scored the goals for Newcastle.

#### Law ends on high note

**E SAILING:** Chris Law, of Great Britain, finished a strong season on the international match-racing circuit with a convincing win at the inaugural Marriott Frenchman's Reef championship in Charlotte Amalie Harbour in the Virgin Islands, a competition that featured a number of

virgin Islands, a competition that featured a number of skippers expecting to compete in the America's Cup in 2000. Law, who came to the grade I event fresh from victory at the Bayona championship in Spain, took the title with a 3-0 win over Peter Holmberg, of the Virgin Islands, in the best-of-five final on Sunday. Law reached the final after a tough contest with the world No 11, Luc Pillot, of France, whom he beat 3-2.

#### Leading two draw closer

■ BOWLS: Graham Robertson, the holder, from East
Lothian, and John Price, from Swansea, who have each won the
CJS (Insurance) Scottish Masters title three times, are lined up to meet in the semi-finals at Coatbridge tomorrow. First, however, Price has to get past David Gourlay, of Prestwick, the 1996 world indoor singles champion, today. Robertson faces Robert Marshall, the Scottish national champion, from

#### Nemeth offers to resign

BASKETBALL: Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, m HABBETBALL: Laszio Nemeth, the England coach, offered his resignation yesterday after the team's 88-61 European championship qualifying defeat by Ukraine at Guildford last Wednesday, a performance he described as "a disgrace". Nemeth, whose team won 72-64 in Denmark and lost 92-76 to Spain at Plymouth before the Ukraine result, will learn his fate after the English Basketball Association executive board meeting on Saturday.

#### Male retains title

**EXECUTE:** James Male, the world champion and No! seed, has retained his Lacoste amateur singles championship at Queen's Club by beating Guy Barker in three straight games. Male, who has recently been concentrating his efforts on Real Tennis, dropped 13 points in the final and just one game during the entire week to capture the first significant rackets championship of the season.

## Irish meet Springboks

**ENUGEY UNION:** Ireland will play two internationals during a seven-match tour of South Africa next summer, the full national team's first visit there since 1981 — apart from participation in the 1995 World Cup, when Ireland did not play the Springboks. The tour opens with a match against Boland on May 30 and ends with the second international at

**SWIMMING:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE TOLD GOVERNING BODY SHOULD CUT ITS COSTS

## Regions rebel over five-fold fee increase

THE Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) has been sent back to the drawing board by members over a planned fivefold increase in membership fees designed to float the sport out of the red

next year (Craig Lord writes).
On a tour of the six regions of English swimming. David Sparkes, chief executive of the ASA, found widespread opposition to his plans to raise basic annual fees for 270,000 members from

The fund-raising exercise, which is deemed necessary because of an expected loss of about £200,000 in accounts yet to be published for the year to September 30, will be voted on at the annual meeting in February. A compromise of around £1.50 has been suggested, raising nearly £250,000 of extra income. The regions

60p to £3, which would add almost are calling for the ASA to find £300,000 £650,000 to income in all regions, except in savings from its general budget. in savings from its general budget.

☐ Natalya Meshcheryakova, Vladimir Pyshnenko and Olga Kochetkova, the three Russians suspended last week after testing positive for an anabolic steroid will next week tell Fina, the international governing body for swimming, that they had been tricked into eating a cake spiked with the drug. The appeal is

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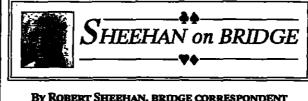
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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

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warn my partner not to expect diamond help from me. South's leap to Six Spades was precipitate. He should just bid Four Diamonds — as spades have been agreed by inference, this would be a cuebid showing first- or secondwheels out the "Old Black" (ie, Four No-Trumps, asking for aces) and the good slam is

reached more elegantly.
After the diamond lead to the king and ace, declarer correctly played a heart to the ace and ruffed one low — if unmakeable. When I showed out, he continued with a low dub, and now was in control to take another heart ruff in

Camrose matches, played on Saturday and Sunday, England beat Wales 44-14 while Scotland beat Northern Ireland 55-5. ☐ The National Women's

Teams Championship, held in Coventry at the weekend, was won by Sara Teshome, Sandra Penfold, Nevena Semor and Daniella Grigova. The National Men's Teams, played at the same time, was won by John Collings, Martin Jones, Graham Link, Steve Green and David Bakhshi.

#### By Philip Howard

a. A North Sussex hillock b. To clear a table

**CRUMB DOWN** 

c. Plumage of the tawny owl DRIVING BAND

. A motorists' association b. Component of a projectile c. Touring musicians

LAY A STYMIE a. Produce a double-yoke egg b. A putting stroke c. Apply an eyebath

**AMYGDALIN** a. A Puccini opera b. An ornamental window c. Natural substance

Answers on page 49

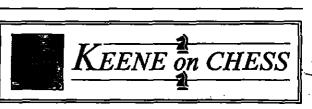


Diagram of final position

Black: Jan Smejkal Ceska

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age of the games from the FIDE Championship in Groningen, Holland.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess

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White: Ljubomir Flacnik

Trebova 1997

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d63 13 exd5 14 Skd5 15 Qen

16 Bg5 17 Rxs8+ 18 Nxd5

h3

Re1 Nxd4

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Veteran's Record Today I give the full crosstable of veteran Viktor Korchnoi's fine performance in the double round tournament at Ceska Trebova. Korchnoi (aged 66) won first prize by a clear margin and was the only player not to lose a game.

White: Jan Smeikal Black: Ljubomir Kavalek

Ceska Trebova 1997 English Opening

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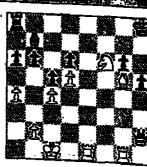
Ceska Trebova,

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday. l, 5 Kavalek 3 Ptacnik 4 Smejkal

Total In the above table I represents a win, 's a draw and 0 a loss.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Speelman -Azmaiparashvili, Menorca. 1994. White has sacrificed his queen for a dangerous attack against Black's vulnerable king. How did he now continue?



## Senor El Betrutti hunts second Cheltenham prize

By Chris McGrath

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THOUGH most punters found it pretty hard to stornach at the time, many in the jump racing tribe feel that Senor El Berrutti's 33-1 success in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham last month distils the very essence of their sport.

The grev represented the modest stable of Susan Nock. a permit holder over the hill at Stow-on-the-Wold. In Challenger Du Luc, he beat a member of the endless cavalry of Martin Pipe, the champion trainer. But the most potent flavour of all is furnished by the way Senor El Betrutti is being prepared for his return to Cheltenham on Saturday.

"He'll be out with the Heythrop hounds on Wednesday," Mrs Nock said yesterday. "He schooled very nicely this morning, and will work tomorrow, but hunting is the one thing that keeps him fresh and interested. Sophie Brewer is always taking him out, and he loves it. Cantering up a hill

three times a day takes the edge off them if you're not careful. Hunting keeps them fit and on their toes. It's good for man and beast."

Mrs Nock, increasingly anxious about the future of field sports, emphasises the grass-roots link between National Hunt racing and hunting, via point-to-pointing. Topical corroboration is available from those who, back in 1993, saw a maiden point-topoint at Duhallow in Co Cork fought out by just two horses, a vast bay gelding beating a

RICHARD EVANS Nap: Corblen

(2.50 Sedgefield) Corbleu stayed on well over an inadequate two miles on his chasing debut at Catterick and looks at value proposition against moderate opposition over a longentrie at Sedgefield this afternoon.

Next best: Its Grand (1.20 Sedgefield)

grey by a head. A couple of least ensure the return to weeks ago, the grey (Suny action of Jim Old's Collier Bay) won the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury and on Saturday the bay (Ask Tom) won the Tingle Creek Chase in a thrilling finish at Sandown. Senor El Betrutti, however, offers a still more intimate link between hunting and top-class

steeplechasing.
He is one of ten acceptors for the £60,000-added Tripleprint Gold Cup, but Mrs Nock warns that he will not run if conditions were to become testing. The Betterware Cup at Ascot the following week is an appealing alternative in that it would offer Senor El Betrutti another chance to show what he can do over three miles.

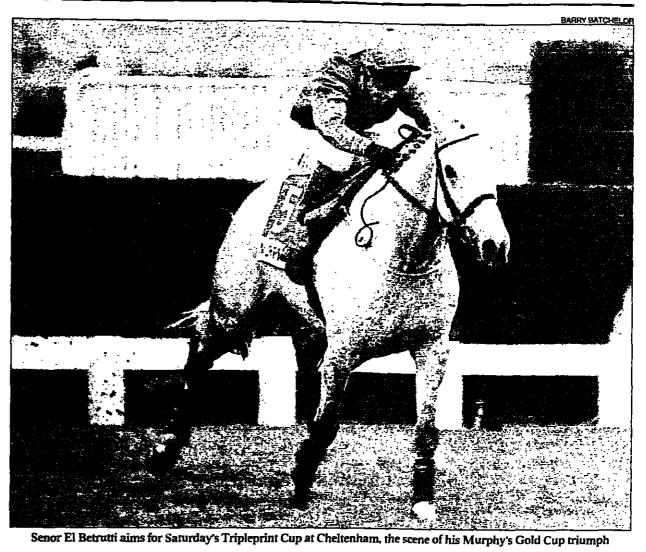
There are also question marks over the participation of Simply Dashing, the likely favourite if connections were to favour Cheltenham over the Tommy Whittle Chase at Hay-

dock the same afternoon.
If rain at Cheltenham rules out Senor El Betrutti, it will at

action of Jim Old's Collier Bay, the 1996 Champion Hurdle winner, in the Bonusprint Bula Hurdie. Possible opponents include Large Action, successful 12 months ago, Reikeel, and the apparently reformed Pridwell. Meanwhile, the Gimcrack

dinner at York this evening will be the focus of keen attention, as a speech written by Sheikh Mohammed is delivered by Michael Osborne, one of his most trusted advisors. The speech has been prepared personally, amid considerable secrecy, by the most powerful figure in British racing. Unusually, the text is not

being released in advance of tonight's gathering. Coming less than a week after Sheikh Mohammed decided to dispose of the Racing Post, speculation was mounting last night as to whether the speech would signal a major shift in the Maktoum brothers' commitment to British racing.



#### HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

12.30 Aubum Boy

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1.00 Majors Legacy

1.30 King Kato

2.30 NAMOODAJ (nap) 3.00 Selatan 3.30 Little Miller

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.00 FENWICK'S BROTHER.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 Get Real

#### 12.30 christmas party claiming hurdle (£2,021, 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

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#### 1.00 HUGH ROSSELLI MEMORIAL MAIDEN CHASE

(£2,736 3m) (14 runners) 

1996, SUGAR HILL 6-11-0 P Hote (9-2) J Gifford 15 rps

FORM FOCUS

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MAJORS LEGACY can go one better after showing promise last term

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#### 1.30 ROBERT BAKER HALF CENTURY MOVICES HURDLE (£2,863: 2m 110yd) (22 runners)

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#### 2.00 SIR PETER CROSSMAN MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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J Spearing 8 26 30 B Michael Brennen 3 B 375 Mrs M Reveley 12 40 30 0 P Hide 1B 63 29.6
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#### 2.30 WOOLLEY HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,735: 2m 110yd) (7 runners) 2101-10 DESERT MOURTAIN 25 (B.F.E.S) (Easy Mank Pros.) N Callegian 4-12-0 P Carberry 1212-23 BARFORD SOMERGEN 14 (C.D.F) (Barbord & St.C.F) Frankfowt 5-11-10 R Demondry 511600- SCHEMES 271 (B.G.S) (W. U. S. Mr. S. Rocks) N Henceson 4-11-4 M A Pizzparai 60-11 MAMODONA 17 (D.G.S) (All Pros. Krop.; Lein (D. Nicholson 4-11-2 R. Admission 6344-43 MAZZBH 13 (D.F.G.) (N. Coopen R. Rows 6-10-2 ... D Bridgeries 642/EIR WAMOHA 14 (D.F.G.) (N. Coopen R. Rows 6-10-2 ... D Bridgeries 642/EIR WAMOHA 14 (D.F.G.) (N. Coopen R. Rows 6-10-2 ... D Bridgeries 642/EIR WAMOHA 14 (D.F.G.) (N. Coopen R. Rows 6-10-2 ... D Bridgeries 642/EIR WAMOHA 14 (D.F.G.) (N. Thronk M. Kalghiley (T.) M. Kalghiley (T.) Long handicup: Barely Black 8-7

1996: MOST FOUAL 6-11-5 R Hughes (4-1) M Page 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

Desert Mountain 25i 12th of 17 to Mr Percy in handicap hundle at Chetheritain (2m 110yd, good), previously beat Noble Colours Bi in 7-numer handicap hundle at Wetherby (2m, good to firm). Bartord Sovereagn 71 3rd of 10 to Tibetain in handicap hundle at Hundlingdon (2m 110yd, good) with Warnetts (1th bester off) 27i 9th Serenus 26i 14th of 28 to Commanche Court in hundle grade 1 at Chettenham (2m 11, good). Namoodat beat Bend Wavy 10th in 6-numer nowce hundle at Amirce (2m 110yd, good to soft) Mazzini 5i 3rd of 8 to Noble Tom in handicap hundle at Windsor (2m, good) The progressive NAMOODAJ can make presence felt in franctical class

#### 3.00 BARHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,796: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

| Control | Cont BETTING: 11-8 The Tokseach, 5-2 Gaein: Blue, 3-1 Judiced Field, 7-1 Selatan, 14-1 Dollars 1996: EAST HOUSTON 7-11-10 R McGrath (4-1) J J (1964) 7 cm

The Tosseach heal Winnow 101 in 5-runner novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm) Judicial Field beat Aly good). Gaetic Blue 14f 2nd of 9 to Juliars in novice handlars of hase at Musselburgh (2m 4f 10 time). Seletian beaten a distance 3rd of 5 to Forest Nory in novice chase at Bangor (2m 110yd, good to certify.

GAELIC BLUE is preferred to Selatan

#### 3.30 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,413. 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1-1 CONCHOBOR 27 (D.6.5) (5 Hardy Partnership) K Balley 5-12-0 W Wash (7)
O ARBOURNE PRINCE 21 (J Canint) It Babbage 5-11-4 ... S Fowler (7)
O-BETTIE BANARO 251 (Mrs. R J-Hooghton) G J-Hooghton 5-11-4 Mrs. S E-J-Hooghton
CONCHAN But P Complete Statement Add 1-1-4 Mrs. R J-Horsebook 

BETTING: 8-11 Conchobor, 7-1 Denoting Land, 10-1 Little Miller, Smith's Perk, 14-1 Safford Quay, Squadde 16-1 Profile Agency, 26-1 others 1996: STRONG MART 5-11-4 G Lee (evens lav) Mrs M Reveloy 16 ran

Concholor beat Jungli 51 in 21-runner NH flat race at Worcester (2m. good) Bertie Bavard 28/14th of 21 to Rupert Blues in NH flat race at Worcester (2m. good to firm). Pure Swing 57/1 13th of 16 to Sunday Venture in NH flat race at Folkestone (2m. 11 110yd, good) Return 07 The Mac 48/11th of 16 to Eddy's Son in NH flat race at Warwick (2m. good to soft) Salford Quay 17/1 8th of 13 to Vallant Memory in NH flat race at Tauriton (2m. 11, good) Squaddie 12/1 5th of 14 to Wirston Run in NH flat race at Sandown (2m. 110yd, good) CONCHOBOR has fine chance of completing a treble

#### RACING AHEAD Robert Wright; sts.the best value in the PERTEMPS KING GEORGE VI CHASE Refiglion Park, December 26 **GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** Ora, Hills One Man Suny Bay 4-1 3-1 7-2 3-1 Mr Mulligan 9-2 9-2 9-2 9-2 4-1- 9-2 5-1 9-2 **Barton Bank** 11-2 6-1 5-1 6-1 16-1 20-1 20-1 16-1 Trying Again 16-1 | 20-1 | 20-1 | 20-1 Challenger Du Luc 33-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 Coulton 33-1 | 25-1 | 33-1 | <u>33-</u>1 Senor El Betrutti 25-1 | 25-1 | 33-1 | <u>33-1</u> Unguided Missile *33-1 | 25-1 | 33-1 | 33-1* Djeddah ONE MAN, winner of the King George VI Chase for 5-4 favounte to stage a repeat at Kempton on Boving Day. While the grey would be a popular winner, he offers poor value and is well worth opposing. The form of his recent defeat of Viking Flagship

reads well, but David Nicholson's runner handed the

advantage to One Man with a slow jump at the second last, and was unable to get back into the ace over a too that stretches his stamina. One tends to find little once he comes under pressure the burst blood vessels when pulled up at Aintree last season), and the field for this year's Kempton contest looks the strongest for some time. Suny Bay was an impressive winner of the

Hennessy, but is not a certain runner, while Simply Dashing was impressive at Ascot last time but has Barton Bank, now 11, seems as good as ever, and

was giving 5lb to Suny Bay when runner-up in the Hennessy on ground that was softer than ideal. while success for Trying Again in the Triplepont Gold Cup on Saturday would see his price cut. Mr Mulligan was a beaten second when falling at the final fence in last year's King George, but had suffered an interrupted preparation for that race. He went on to show much improved form to win the Chekenham Gold Cup, and is reportedly in excellent shape. If at his peak on Boving Day, MR MULLIGAN will take all the beating and is overpriced at 9-2.

#### PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

12.40 Totally Yours. 1.10 Lets Rumble. 1.40 Farfadet V. 2.10 Woodlands Boy. 2.40 Aly Daley. 3.10 Royale Angela. 3.40 Esperanza IV.

GOING SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES

#### 12.40 BRIGHTON NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (52,122 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1 SANWOOD J Bradge 4-11-1. W Marston
21433 TDYALLY YOUNG 18 N CD F GN W Page 4-11-1 A P MarCoy
2153 TDYALLY YOUNG 18 N CD F GN W Page 4-11-1 A P MarCoy
25 St. MEDORA ANDMERRY MAKER 827 D Gandello 7-10-12 G Uptain
25 P.P. JOCTOR DON 27 J S Moore 5-10-11 J Margane (3)
26 BURNANG RAME 1877 R Flower 4-10-9 P Holley
27 MAD ALEX 1397 M Hagnes 4-10-5 B Powell
28 TEAM ON 15 (C) 1815 L seed 6-10-5 JR Romannin 1920
29 P-45 MORTH BOD LADY 15 (7) Mrs L seed 6-10-5 J R Romannin 1920
39 P-45 MORTH BOD LADY 15 (7) Mrs L seed 6-10-5 J R Romannin 1920 4-9 Totalis, Years, 5-1 North End Lady 7-1 Steam On, 20-1 Mourtandine Mad Are. 25-1 Sehandod, 33-1 Jodes Dos, Busting Flame, Fina's Oak.

## 1.10 HENFIELD MAIDEN CHASE

122, 490, 200 (7)

1.0-PO ALL GOVER RED ROWER 13 A Carold 5-11-5 G Tormey
2.0-0.2 SARRISTERS BOY 14 J Did 7-11-5 C Lifered by
3.P-5 COOL SPOT 20 6 Sengta 9-11-5 R Bellarry
4.42 LETS RIABELE 662 (BF.S) R Alex 8-11-5 Bd J Tizzard (5)
4.75 MINIST PLASE 19 Mics Y Williams 5-11-5 A P MicCoy
6.00-P PROCOGUS WORDER 6 (M.P. P Barlet 6-11-5 B Powerd
7.4- BAY LOUGH 22 R Rowe 6-11-5 B Present
1-2 Samuers Roy 4-1 Lets Rambia: 8-1 Music Pleasa, 16-1 Cool Spot. 29-1 All
Gree Red Royer 25-1 Bay Lough 13-1 Presents Wilcoder

#### 1.40 DITCHLING NOVICES HURDLE (£2 384, 2m 4f) (7)

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(EZ 384, Z/IT 41) (7)

131 FARFADET V 12 (8) M Pipe 4-11-12 A P McCoy [127]

146 GUEST ALLANKE 18 (5) 61 Moore 5-11-5 J R Karanogh 111

1024 ADRIOV 223 - Bridge 5-10-12 W Marsten 104

1-3 JUST MP 22 (7) Mrs. Referris 4-10-12 M Richards 101

2656 KUPAIN 41 Met's 7-10-12 S Referris 6-10-12 A Bridge 101

2656 KUPAIN 41 Met's 7-10-12 S Referris 6-10-7 A Bridge 101

264-7 BE MY MCT 155 D Grezell 5-10-7 A Bridge 179

26-7 Fartaget V 11-2 Goest Alkaroe 10-1 Author, Just Nop. 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS, M. Porc. 23 Warmers from 49 namess, 46.9%, J. Northe, 9 from 70, 45.0%, Mass H Lungh, 7 from 78, 39.9%, R Buckler, 5 from 24, 12.6%, May J. Picchard, 4 from 23, 20.0%, R Aber, 9 from 50, 18.0%, 12.6%, R Aber, 9 from 50, 18.0%, R JOCKEYS: 1 7 49; 4 sciences from 11 roles, 36 4%; A P MicCoy, 26 mon 16, 34 2%; M Robards, 9 from 45, 19 5%, J Rasamogh, 12 from 65, 19 6%, or Marston, 5 from 54, 14,7%; B Possell, 8 from 64, 12,5%;

## 2.10 OWL HOLDINGS HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,558: 2m 5f) (6) | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 130

3-1 Auras, 7-2 Equity Player, Forest Feather, 4-1 Woodlands Boy, 9-2 Beetson, 16-1 Joso

## 2.40~Galleano challenge cup handicap chase (£2.917 $\cdot$ 3m 11 110yd) (7)

1 65-3 BRANBLEHILL BUCK 21 (B.BF,S) P Necholis 8-12-0

#### 3.10 HBLB EASTBOURNE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.970: 2m 4f) (7)

(2.1.5-10. 210\*14) (\*)

1.3/21 ROYALE ANBELA 8 (D.S) J Nevitia 5-11-12 (7ex) E Bradiny

2.2-22 OPIAM BATTLE 14 (F) W G M Tumer 5-11-10 R Greene [1] (0)

3.1102 NORTHERN DRAIMS 12 (F,S) M Pipe 4-11-10 A P MicCoy 10A

4.316- KELLY MAC 253 (BF.CD.F.S.) D O'Brien 7-11-1 Air S Durack (5)

5.2PP/ CHALLENGER ROW 608 (S) Mrs. L. Jewell 7-10-1 JR Kavarnagh

6.4-05 BIGNIG 24 (B) G L. Moore 4-10-0 M Bakshebr (7)

7.68SP DO BE WARE 6 (C.F.S.) J Filipo-Heyer 7-10-0 M Bakshebr (7)

100 6-4 Northern Drucks, 9-4 Royale Angels, 4-1 Drum Battle, 10-1 Kelly Mar. 12-1 Bigmig, 25-1 Challenger Rose, Co Be Ware.

#### 3.40 LADBROKE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,385: 3m 110yd) (8)

9-4 Unishighte Bover, 7-2 Esperanza IV, Maylin Magic, 4-1 Miss Secret, 7-1 Testapority, 25-1 Young Artiross, Castle Sarry, 33-1 Missy La Misss

#### Large Action ready for return OLIVER SHERWOOD was Aintree Hurdle on his final

workout over hurdles yesterday as the nine-year-old prepares for a return to action. in the Champion Hurdle and Saturday.

pleased with Large Action's 'two starts last season, but is now described in "Al" condition by his trainer. Large Action is entered for the Bula Large Action was pulled up Hurdle at Cheltenham on

#### SEDGEFIELD THUNDERER

12.20 The Khoinoa, 12.50 Young Tomo, 1.20 Scarba, 1.50 Giverneyourhand, 2.20 Golden Hello, 2.50 Corbleu, 3.20 Pentland Squire,

12.20 GOLDEN LION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,023: 2m 5f 110yd) (11 runners) 

2-1 The Khoknoa, 9-4 Charley Landsen, 6-1 Run For The Mid. 8-1 The Mackintonian, 12-7 Commitmoli, 14-1 Count Karmusto, 16-7 others. 12.50 GOLDEN LION NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,023; 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1 -0:0 MML-DOT 12 (F) F Murson 5-11-5 BS
2 P-63 BASINCROFT 32 Mrss S Williamson 7-10-12 JS
3 0x65 COOLTON HILL 32 J Wake 6-10-12 S Tepit
4 0327 DAMPS WAY 810 M Pell 8-10-12 D B
5 033- HANDSOME ANTHOMY 207 (BF,F,S) 6 M Moore 6-10-12 ... B Storey . J Sopple S Taylor (5) . D Bernley 6 - 250 - 361.5 JOY 325 A Streeter 6-10-12 ... T Bay
7 00-4 JO LIGHTNING 31 B Gleon 4-10-12 ... O Parter
8 MASTER WOOD C Brant 5-10-12 ... R Garmity
9 2-0 YOUNG TOWO 21 J Howerd Johnson 5-10-12 ... E Catalogue
10 00-4 LAST ACTION 87 J Notron 4-10-7 ... B Gratten (5)
11 THERICLETY SKEENA P Resument 6-10-7 ... R Supple

#### 7-2 Handsome Authory, 9-2 Young Tomo, 5-1 Julis Joy, 13-2 MAII-Dot, 8-1 Basinototi, David's Way, 12-1 Cooling Hill, Thindeby Steems, 14-1 others 1.20 dickie dods memorial handicap HURDLE (\$2,775: 3m 3f 110yd) (6)

2-1 Galen, 11-4 Kinda Gioovy, 4-1 Saucy Non, 5-1 its Grand, 7-1 Scarba, 20-1 Zambatekir. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRABIERS: P Eccies, 3 winners from 4 numers, 75.0%; J Mactios, 4 from 9, 44.0%; J Fitzgenid, 15 from 54, 27 9%; Mrs M Reveley, 72 from 250, 27 7%; S Bell, 3 from 11, 27.2%, T Easterby, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

### JOCKEYS: P Niven, 59 witness from 195 rides, 30 1%, E Husband, 5 from 21, 23.6%, L Wyer, 25 from 115, 21.7%, E Callaghan, 9 from 44, 20 5%, Mr C Bonner, 3 from 16, 18.6%, J Supple, 14 from 78, 17.9%. Blinkered first time

HUNTINGDON; 12:30 Comtosser 1 00 Grosvenor Heath, Via Del Quetro, PLLIMPTON: 1,10 Precious Wonder 3 10 Bigwig 3:40 Milly La Moes, SEDGÉFIELD; 1 50 Seldom But Severe. 3:20 Crebber's Phide,

#### 1.50 NAGS HEAD MAIDEN CHASE

#### 2.20 HARDWICK ARMS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,072: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 -222 GOLDEN HELLO 17 (D.F.S.S) I Exterby 5-12-6 . L. Wyer 2 324 - DUAL MAGE 288 (D.G.S.) J ForGenid 10-11-12 F Lostry (3) 3 2-33 - BRIAR'S DELISHT 27 (V.F.D.F.G.S.) R Altin 9-11-5 B Storby 4 33-1 VAL DE RAMAR 36 (D.F.G.) Smith 8-11-1 P Horse 5 -394 UK HYSENE 10 (D.F.) M Hammond 7-10-0 Mr C Bonner (3) 6 P-35 WHITESATES WILLE 59 J Howard Johnson 5-10-0 D Parker 7 402 SUPER SANDY 213 (D.S.) F Walton 10-10-0 A Johnson 8 (D.M.D GOME ASPORE 19 (D.F.) M Bernes 6-16-0 S Taylor (5) 11-4 Val De Rama 3-1 Golden Hello 5-1 Bren's Delight, 7-1 Dual Iraage, Super Sandy, 8-1 Ult Hygnene Wholegales Walke, 33-1 Gone Achore

## 2.50 HOPE INN HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,847, 2m 5f) (10) 2.047 - 2.11 - 2.7 - 2.1 - 2.7 - 2.1 7-2 Bold Account. 4-1 Julie Box Bill., 5-7 Winter Beile Mover, 5-1 Wild Brook. Dragons Bay, 10-1 Cumperland Blues. 14-1 others.

#### 3.20 DUN COW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,346: 2m 1f) (8)

1 -215 THURDERPOINT 28 (CD,B) I Exclady 5-12-0 L Wyer 2 1112 MOBILE FOM 10 (RF.C.) P Eccles 5-11-8 ... Mr B Hassed (7) 3 2222 PENTLAND SOLORE 19 (D.F.) J Leferson 6-11-8 A K Smith (7) 4 2223 SOLDER MAN 10 1 Mache 4-11-1 ... E Husband (3) 5 -532 BANER 6 S Cark 6-11-0 ... Miss R Clark (5) 6-30 CRABBLE'S PRIDE 12 (VI M Hazper 4-10-3 ... & Stoop 6 6-90 BAASAN 17 J Monton 4-10-2 ... E Callegham 8 PP-0 BALLYNSSANGEL 17 N Bycott 4-10-0 R Supple 5-2 Noble Tom, 3-1 Thursterpoint Portland Squire, 9-2 Soldier Mai, 6-1 Bahes, 8-1 Crabbe's Pride, 16-1 Bassm, 25-1 Bullytroanger

Andrew Cooper, clerk of the course at Sandown Park, has acted to prevent a repetition of Saturday's events in the Mitsubishi Shogun Tingle Creek Trophy. when Mulligan fell at the second last fence after apparently being distracted by a spectator. He said: "For the next meeting on January 10, an additional section of running rail will be erected ten yards within the existing rail and there will be an enhanced security presence."

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### Ludlow

Going: good
12.35 (2m hote) 1, MEADOW DANCER (6)
Powell, S-11, 2, Among Islands (Mr S Durack,
5-4 ten.) 3, Comeonup IR Johnson 9-1)
ALSO RAN 8-1 Ceitmont, 9 Classes Colours,
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Albert The Lori (Mith, Honesi George, InchPerry (6m), Surprise City, Victbury, 12 can
NR The Sharrow Legend 11-1 (8), 11-12 can
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CSF \$10-85
110 (2m 41 ch 1, MR STRONG GALE (7 J
Murphy, 4-1 (n-lav), 2, Gratomi (5-Fo-10-1),
3, Cent Say (R) Johnson 9-1), 43-50 (44)
-1, 1-40 Rossell kland 7, 1-11 The Bid 10
French Buck 12 Prostype, Swing Quartet
(6th), 16 Govasian, 20 Hightown Cavalier
(6th), 15 Cathwaller, 33 Cherry Orchicl, 30
Jeman (5th), Much Lark, 14 can 5, 25), 13,
1-1-1, 1-1, 1-1 Rossell & Treason See 0 Time
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(5-50, 22-36, 22-40, 15-0) Ce 28-80 Time
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A At the mail by Largelon.

#### Musselburgh

Going, good
12.20 (2m hdle) 1. Mary's Feelings (R
Gamty, 6-1), 2. Meadow Blue (7-2), 3. Hurst
Flyer (9-1 July) 12 ran NR Prissel 11-3, 12 M
Hammond Tone 65-40, 62-30 61-90 62-00
DF 112.50 Tilo £23-80 CSF 524-68

1) 2 Weether Write (1)-4 bay 3 Highland Pair (13-2) 11 ran 3(1)-1 Molt Plater Tore £9 30 £2 00, £1 10 £2 10 EF 535 80 Trio £46 10 CSF £36 35 Totalt £163 85 200 (3m chi 1 Bise Charm (4h M Bracthume 2-1), 2 Linden - Lento (5-1) 3 Tough Test (8-1) Mister Ross (8h) 52 ta - 9 ran 1-1, 101 Mirs 8 Bracthume Tota (23-4) (5-1) 05 140 54 80 DF 627-40 Tito (44-30 CSF 617-72 Treast 5100-33 7.50 (3m hofe) 1 Best Of AH ID Pasker, 13-6 hun 2, Scarabon (4-1) 3 Raped Movie, (11-1) 6 ran 6), sh ho J Berry Tote £3.30 £1.10, £2.40 DF £3.60 £5F £7.89 C1 10, 52 40 DF 52 60 GSF 57 85
2 20 jam af notel 1, My Shenandoah (4 S Smith, 3-1), 2 Glerbower (7-1), 3 Pand Dury (3-1) Batteswholden (1-1) fav. 10 jan 10; 81 JHoward Johnson Toole \$4 60 Ja 50, \$1 70, 54 10 DF 511 70 The 527 50 — partived CSF 522 9 Thouse 524 75
2 50 jam 41 notel 1 Royel York (F Carberry, 5-2), 2 Master Baverd (8-1) 5, Tom Brode (1)-10 tan 12 ran 41-8, G Richards, Totel 53 00 CSF 51 70 51 40 DF 513 50 Tro. 530 CSF 519 05
3 20 (2m) 1, Three Franks (N Horrocks 33-30) (2m) 1, Three Franks (N Horrocks 33-3

## Southwell

Placepot £333.60 Quadpot: £50 €0.

**National** 

league

will help

Scotland

develop

By Kevin Ferrie

PLANS for the setting up of the first truly national Scottish

cricket league are expected to be ratified tonight. Officials of the Scottish Cricket Union

(SCU) are delighted that their

potentially controversial pro-

posals have been accepted by

all of the country's leading

"We have been trying to do

this for so many years." Alex

Ritchie, the SCU general man-ager, said. "It almost hap-pened five years ago, but the Western Union wouldn't come

The need to ensure that

Scotland are given every pos-

sible chance of making a

respectable showing in the

1999 World Cup seems to have

been the catalyst for change.

Our development plan was to qualify for the World Cup and introduce a properly rep-

resentative national league."

Ritchie said. "One seems to

have helped put the other in

place, because our success in the ICC Trophy [Scotland's third place brought World Cup qualification] has concen-

Next season, the 21 sides

from the two divisions of the

Scottish Cricket League and

the ten from the Western

Union first division will take

part in three conferences, two of ten clubs and one of 11,

designed to produce a new three-division league for 1999. An intensive schedule has

been prepared for the interna-

tional squad next season. Al-

though a proposed week-long tour by Sri Lanka, holders of

the World Cup, will not now

take place. Bangladesh, who

have also qualified for the

World Cup, will make a 12-day

visit and a powerful Australia

A side will spend 18 days in

In addition, Scotland will

again compete in the Benson

and Hedges Cup and the

NatWest Trophy. They are

hosting the home nations'

triple crown tournament for

amateur players and will go to

Holland for the European

championships.

Scotland.

trated a lot of minds."

CRICKET

## England take the first steps on World Cup path

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SHARJAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

THIS week, in the unlikely setting of an oil-rich emirate, English cricket seeks to take a big step forward. The road to the 1999 World Cup, which England is staging, begins here and the knowledge of the team's abysmal performance at the last one is still fresh in everybody's mind. The Champions Tournament, therefore, represents a golden opportu-nity for all 14 players.

The team, who arrived here yesterday from Lahore, where they won two warm-up games against Pakistan A, has more immediate goals. If the players do well in the next fortnight, then the composition of the side that concludes the West Indies tour next April with five one-day internationals will be easier to define.

At the moment, the identity of that side and the man who leads it is uncertain. Michael Atherton, the Test captain. was unavailable for this jolly. He is on holiday at the end of his benefit year, but, as a batsman, he has not been greatly missed. The sort of one-day cricket that has

evolved over the past few years is not a game for which he is particularly well equipped. It is quite possible, likely

even, that, if Adam Hollioake continues to make a good impression as leader, then he will be invited to take charge of a side similar to this one in the Caribbean and that side will then form the basis of the players who are not here, only Darren Gough, who has been



Stewart: shrewd judge

## Schofield spins way to five-wicket haul

CHRIS SCHOFIELD, the Lancashire leg spinner, became the first bowler on the England Under-19 tour of South Africa to take five wickets in an innings before the match against Boland Under-19 finished as a draw yesterday (John Stern writes).

Schofield, who finished with five for 82 in Boland's first innings of 253, posed problems for all the batsmen. Andrew Cyster, the lefthander, in particular Cyster struggled for 41 balls for a single before he fell offering no

When England batted for a second time, their top three took advantage of some weary bowling and fielding. The half-century for Graham Napier, who lasted one ball in the first innings, was particularly welcome.

England declared at 191 for three to give their seam bowlers some work, Boland finishing at 83 for one.

#### SCOREBOARD FROM PAARL

Second Innings

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FALL, OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-130, 3-174, 4-227, 5-233, 6-240, 7-248, 8-250, 9-252
BOWLING: Grove 8-0-18-1, Franks 18-2-30-0; Larament 2-0-15-0, Napoet 6-0-22-0, Scholleid 33-9-82-5, Haywood 9-3-25-0, Swann 29-4-10-39-3

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BOWLING: Grove 7-0-38-0; Haywood 5-0-22-0: Naper 5-1-17-1. Umpres R Goetham and V van Eeden.

excused the trip for sound domestic reasons, demands to The selectors would like to

announce the one-day party before the Test team goes to the West Indies, a move that has much to commend it. Instead of dithering about who to send home and who to recruit, every player would know at the beginning of the tour exactly where he stood. Nothing would then get in the way of the main purpose, beating West Indies in the Caribbean for the first time in

30 years. Apart from Hollioake, only four members of this side are going on the senior tour, which reveals the widening division between Test and oneday cricket. The others are Graham Thorpe, Dean Headley, Robert Croft and English cricket's very own Captain Scarlet ("indestructible"). Alec Stewart has played enough international cricket to understand at first hand the two different games.

\*Obviously, Test cricket is the more important", he said, "but the one-day game is very much part of international cricket. That is why it is important to come here to build up to the World Cup. The spirit is good and the week we spent in Lahore was

Stewart, who is keeping wicket here, played as a bats-man in the last World Cup. when England were billeted in Pakistan, and he knows how far short of glory they fell. They were convincingly beat-en in the quarter-final in Faisalabad by Sri Lanka, the eventual winners.

"We went into it blind," Stewart said, "not knowing what our best side was, so we played poorly and since then we have had to reassess the situation. But the next one is in England and, if we can create a good team, there is no reason why we can't win it".

He is also a reliable witness where Hollioake is concerned, as he is the man who stepped aside to let Hollioake succeed him at Surrey.

Sensible fella," is Stewart's pithy description. He was was not being disloyal to Atherton. his opening partner in Test matches, when he said that Hollioake "picks things up very quickly". If England win this competition, it may be quicker than Atherton would



## West Indies doomed despite heroics

PAKISTAN are on the brink of a clean sweep against the West Indies, despite a fiery century from Carl Hooper, the Kent all-rounder, on the third day of the third and final Test in Karachi yesterday. West Indies, who were 198 for seven in their second innings when bad light stopped play 15 overs early, need another three runs to avoid their third successive

On a day in which 16 wickets fell, Saqlain Mushtaq. the Pakistan and Surrey off spinner, added four wickets to his five in the first innings "Full marks to Saqlain, who bowled well on this flat track.". Wasim Akram, the captain of Pakistan and Lancashire,

said. Pakistan lost nine wickets for 90 runs to be all out for 417 a first-innings lead of 201. Mervyn Dillon finished with five for III, his best figures in Test cricket, while Courtney Walsh took four for 74.

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Ijaz Ahmed, 127 overnight, fell after making 151 and Dillon took three wickets in 36 balls to reduce Pakistan to 359 for four. Walsh then ripped through the lower order with a burst of four wickets, completing 350 wickets by dismissing

Waqar Younis, the Glamorgan fast bowler, soon had West Indies on the defensive in their second innings, taking two wickets in six balls. Moin Khan leg-before for five. He claimed Stuart Williams SCOREBOARD FROM KARACHI

Second innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-19, 5-140, 4-182, 5-186, 6-191, 7-193 BOWLING: Wasim Akram 14-7-31-1; Warser Youris 6-0-31-2; Aziser Maryrrood 3-0-32-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 8-0-72-0; Saqisin Mushtaq 16-3-25-4. He became the seventh bowler

to reach the milestone, achiev-

ing it in 96 Tests.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-298, 2-329, 3-333, 4-359, 5-374, 6-389, 7-390, 8-390, 9-396, BCWLING: Washin 23-47-4-4; Rose 12-1-44-6, Bishop 16-0-68-0; Hooper 32-10-74-0; Chanderpaul 7-0-34-1

for 12 and forced Sherwin Campbell to edge to the slips after making five.

Hooper joined Brian Lara and they took the visitors to 100 for two at tea, Hooper reaching his fifty off 48 balls with eight fours and a six. The 31-year-old from Guyana went on to record the third-fastest century for the West Indies, off 80 balls, hitting 15 fours and three sixes for his eighth hundred in 67 Tests and his third against Pakistan.

"He played like a champion. Now we look to the remaining batsmen to give us a lead to fight," Chive Lloyd: the West Indies manager, said. V R 3

Hooper added 121 runs for the third wicket with Lara, who made 37 before being caught; the Warwickshire captain has scored 129 runs in six innings. Hooper was then bowled by Akram for 106 to end a stand of 42 with Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who

problems. In contrast, the travelling

schedule for some of the teams in

playing fewer matches, after the

dampening of spirits in the Eng-land camp. Both their warm-up

matches, against the Andhra Pra-

desh women's state side at the

Gymkhana ground in Hyderabad,

Not that this has led to any

withdrawal of Canada.

#### "We believe we are now offering our players the best possible preparation for the World Cup." Ritchie said. **Moody says** his age is

no barrier

TOM MOODY has won an unexpected recall to the Australia limited-overs team for the match against South Africa at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today. The call-up of the 32-year-old captain of Western Australia and Warwickshire, who last played an international match on Janupool B — notably India, who play Sri Lanka in the opening match in ary 12, against the West Indies, appears to contradict the selectors' policy of bringing young players into the line-up. "I don't think I'm too old," Delhi today — is a lot less arduous. Pool B teams will also benefit from Moody said yesterday. "I'm at

the peak of my career." Moody will replace Glenn McGrath, the fast bowler, who suffered a stomach musde injury in the three-wicket win over New Zealand at Adelaide Oval on Sunday, "I think I can win a game off my own bat and provide stability

Significantly, Moody scored a brilliant 160 in the Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania in Perth, in front of Trevor

ca by 67 runs in the first triseries match before beating New Zealand.



Smithies practices in the nets Photograph! André Camara

## England retain optimism over trophy prospects

hirley Taylor, the tour man-ager of the England women's team. played the role of diplomat to perfection yesterday as she looked forward to the sixth women's World Cup, which begins is no immediate disadvantage in in India today. England, the de-

fending champions, are among the favourites, but their attempt to retain the trophy that they won at Lord's in 1993 has been hampered by a travelling schedule that will test their stamina and resources. However, Taylor refused to condemn the tournament organisers or the scheduling. "Considering the size of this tournament, the organis-

ation has been fantasic," she said, "but this travel and organisation are not what we are used to." Eleven teams will travel the length and breadth of the country in the next three weeks and it is not only the travel arrangements that will make life difficult for England. Captained again by Karen Smithies, England are in pool A. a group that is undoubtedly the stronger of

the two groups and also includes

Australia and South Africa. There

Thrasy Petropoulos finds the women's World Cup-holders in positive frame of mind as they begin their defence of the trophy

this, as four teams from each group qualify for the quarter-finals, but should a quarter-final be abandoned due to rain, the team with the higher position in their pool goes through. One of England, Australia or South Africa - three of the strongest sides in the competition will come third in pool A, leaving the possibility that they will be eliminated by possibly inferior opposition on a technicality should a match be abandoned, a threat

made all the more plausible with unseasonable rains falling over nearly all of India in recent Pool B includes New Zealand rated joint-favourites with England

- as well as India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Taylor is well aware of the merits of New Zealand, but said: "The biggest unknown will be Australia. When we beat them in that World Cup in 1993, they had been dominant for the last ten years. I am sure they will be back

for revenge." England begin their campaign in Hyderahad against South Africa — who are newcomers to the tournament — tomorrow and then face a draining train journey to Vijayawada, on the east coast, to face Pakistan on Thursday, before

heading back to Hyderabad immdiately after the match. This demanding series barely completes the halfway stage of the preliminary round. England, however, are not alone in facing a difficult travelling schedule; other

WORLD CUP DETAILS

Poof A matches: Dec 10: England v South Africa (Hyderabad), Pakustan v Denmark (Bangalore), Australa v Ireland (Madrasi) Dec 12: England v Pakistan (Vinjayendala), Australa v South Africa (Bangalore); Ireland v Denmark (Madras) Dec 14: England v Denmark (Hyderabad); South Africa v Ireland (Punel): Pakistan v Australia (Hyderabad). Dec 16: England v Ireland (Pune); Australa V Denmark (Bombay); South Africa v Pakistan (Vanoda). Dec 18: England v Australia (Negour); South Africa v Dervrank (Vanoda); Inslend v Parkstan (Deht). Pool B matches: Dec 9: India v St Lanks (Deht); West India v Holland (Deht) Reliverys). Dec 11: New Zestand v Holland (Ghodabad), Sr Lanks v West Indias (Deft), Dec 13; New Zasland v Sr (Lanks (Deht), India v West Indias (Deht Railways). Dec 15: New Zasland v West Indias (Chandigarh), Holland

India (Grazdebed). Dec 17: New Zeeland v India ndore); Holtend v St Lanta (Japur). Iustrac-finalis: Dec 20: (1) 1st Pool A v 4th Pool S Judenow). Dec 21: (2) 2nd Pool 1 v 3nd Pool S in handigent. Dec 22: (3) 3nd Pool A v 3nd Pool S hatna), Dec 23: (4) 4th Pool A v 1st Pool B Jornboy). Semi-finalis: Dec 24: Winner 1 v Winner 3 Juvenhal). Dec 28: Winner 2 v Winner 4 (Judazza). Insi: Dec 29: (reserve date Dec 30) (Celcusta).

a hopelessly one-sided match against New Zealand earlier this year, Pakistan conceded 455 in 50 overs and were beaten by 408 runs. Realistically, only four teams are good enough to win the cup; England, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, but the subcontinent has ways of turning logic on its head when it comes to World Cups.

brought comprehensive victories.

Joining South Africa in the competition for the first time are Pakistan and Sri Lanka. England to the bowling," Moody have nothing to fear from either. In added.

> Hohns, the national chairman Australia lost to South Afri-

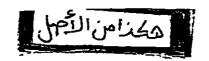


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## Little rejects all talk of World Cup rehearsal

By Russell Kempson

IT WAS perhaps inevitable that, after the draw for the World Cup finals in Marseilles last Thursday, after the hype and hysteria had died down, the focus of attention would switch sharply to Birmingham tonight, where Aston Villa, of England, take on Steaua Bucharest, of Romania, in the return leg of their Uefa Cup third-round

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Under normal circumstances, the match would be little more than an earnest squabble for a place in the last eight of one of Europe's three leading club competitions. However, some might say that the game at Villa Park has a national as well as parochial significance.

With England nestling alongside Romania in group G for the World Cup finals, this evening represents, for many, the first chance to draw a parallel between the two

#### TEAMS

countries, the chance to strike a propaganda blow. Mihai Stoichita, the Steaua coach, entered the debate with relish.

"Under Glenn Hoddle, England have progressed in leaps and bounds," he said yesterday. "They now play a mixture of European and British football and I was very impressed by how they played against traly in Rome. They kept the ball well and looked very threatening on the break. Their technique is getting better the whole time and I think it will be England and Romania who qualify for the second round. The winners tomorrow could give their country a psychological

advantage. Nice words. diplomatically sound, but it is unlikely that tonight will reveal anything significant. Indeed, Hoddle has decided a trip to Villa Park is not worthwhile. Brian Little, the Villa manager, is similarly unconvinced that the game has a broader value. There is great interest in the tie anyway, and I suppose a bit more so after the World Cup draw," he said, "but all I'm concerned about is our need to win."

Steaua have only three players who are likely to be needed by Anghel lordanescu, the Romania coach - Marius Lacatus, an experienced forward, Iosef Rotariu and Catalin Munteanu - for most of Romania's finest ply their trade

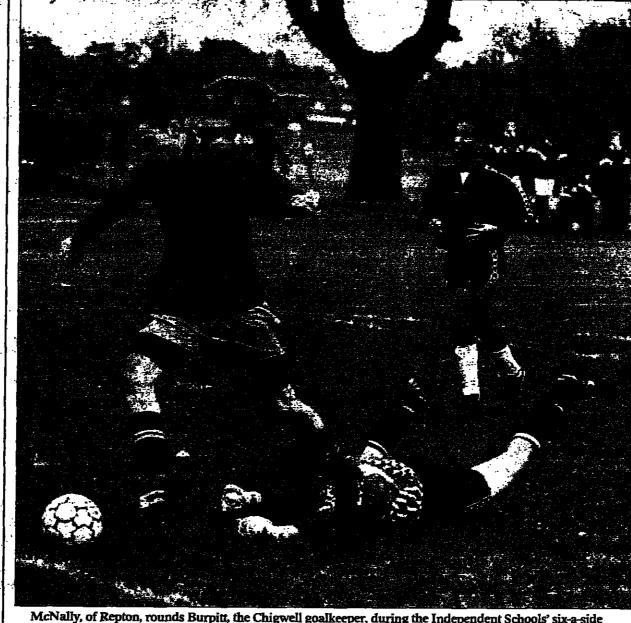
Hoddle, though, could regret missing the chance to watch Munteanu, 18, Steaua's shining midfield jewel. Had his thunderous shot not cannoned back off the underside of the bar, when his side led 2-0 in the first leg, Villa might be contemplating an entirely different task

As it is, a 1-0 victory will suffice, putting Villa through on the away goals rule and earning them a European quarter-final place for the first time in 15 years. Little has asked for patience from the supporters, not one of their most noted traits, and expects the same from his players.

"We mustn't go charging forward all the time." he cautioned. "None of us must get too frustrated if things don't happen immediately. We are kid-ding ourselves if we think we have the advantage. It's Steama who are leading 2-1, not us, and all we have got is a chance, a very good chance. They are a good footballing side, they break quickly and we have to be

If Dwight Yorke recovers from the muscle injury that caused his early departure from the 3-0 win against Coventry City on Saturday, Villa's cause will be strengthened immeasurably. If Stan Collymore's goal against Coventry, only his second in 18 games, has helped him rediscover his zest for life. and football, Steaua should beware.

club against club, not Romania versus England. The bigger ball game can wait.



هكذامن رلامل

McNally, of Repton, rounds Burpitt, the Chigwell goalkeeper, during the Independent Schools' six-a-side tournament yesterday. Latymer Upper took the trophy. Photograph: Tom Hevezi. Report, page 45

## Trewick joins Albion candidates

WEST Bromwich Albion announced yesterday that a new manager is unlikely to be appointed before the weekend, but refused to dismiss the claims of John Trewick, the club coach, who has announced his candidature.

Bryan Hamilton, the former Northern Ireland manager, has also expressed an interest, while David Pleat, dismissed as the Sheffield Wednesday manager last month, and Brian Horton, until recently in charge at Huddersfield Town, are known to have made contact with the club. Ray Harford resigned last

week to take up the post at Oucens Park Rangers and, in his absence. Albion moved up to third place in Nationwide League first division on Saturday. John Wile, the chief executive as well as a club Whatever the outcome, this director, said that Albion's strong start to the season will influence the timetable for filling the vacancy.

By RICHARD HOBSON AND DAVID MADDOCK

Wile, intimating that the job will be advertised, said: "We are aware that a club needs a manager, but I think it is wrong to make a knee-jerk reaction because we are in a very good position and the team is playing well. At this stage, there is no one person in



mind and I would be very surprised if we appoint a manager this week." Trewick has been at The

Hawthorns in various roles for the past five years. He took temporary charge of the team alongside Richie Barker, the chief scout, on Friday. Although his close ties with the club make him an attractive choice, the board may decide that he lacks the experience to lead a challenge for promo-

Confusion surrounded the supposed move of Emerson from Middlesbrough to Tenerife yesterday. The Brazilian midfield player was quite clear at the weekend when he said that he had been involved in negotiations with the Spanish dub. The deal is almost complete," he said.

Yesterday, though, Middlesbrough begged to differ. Viv Anderson, the assistant

**RUGBY FIVES** 

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15-4, Semi-finals; Smith pt Hall-Witton 15-6; Whitehead bit Love 15-6. Final: Smith by Whitehead 15-5 15-12 Doublest: Semi-finals; P Smith and D Hall-Wilton bit S Te and M O'Meara 15-5; M Love and M Whitehead bit A Harde and E Howle 15-3. Final: Smath and Hall-Wilton bit Love and Whitehead 15-7 15-7.

us. As far as we are concerned, nobody has contacted Middlesbrough and the player is therefore remaining in England with us."

Just to complicate the matter further, reports coming from Spain last night suggested that there was also interest in Emerson from Real Madrid.

Tottenham Hotspur have switched their FA Cup-tie against Fulham to Monday, January 5 to ease safety worries in London on third-round day. Eight sides from the capital were given home draws, with both Watford and Boreham Wood joining them if they win second-round replays next week.

Fergus McCann, the Celtic owner, said vesterday that he plans to sell his shareholding and retire in 18 months' time but he pledged that there would be no hostile takeover of the club.

## Juventus trust Fonseca to regain touch

Brian Glanville looks forward to a week of fascinating European club matches

he week of the strikers. Can Daniel Fonseca find form at last in the Juventus attack against Manchester United, at the Stadio delle Alpi, tomorrow? Can the astonishing Ronaldo, scorer of another marvellous goal at Sampdoria on Sunday, pull Internazionale back from the brink in the Uefa Cup against Strasbourg at San Siro this

Is there still life in the old Romário-Bebeto partnership for Brazil? And which of two impressive centre forwards, the veteran, Ulf Kirsten, of Bayer Leverkusen, or David Treziguet, 20. of AS Monaco, will come out on top tomorrow in a crucial European Cup Champions' League group F game?

Fonseca, the Uruguay international, has this season been plucked out of limbo by the Juventus manager, Marcello Lippi. He had had a wretched season with AS Roma, but Lippi, who managed him at Napoli, where Fonseca scored goals galore, has taken him to Juventus, who had nonchalantly sold both Christian Vieri and Alen Boksic.

Fonseca's pre-season performances were dismal and even now it is said that he is finding it hard to adapt to the gruelling training regime, but needs must where the devil drives. Alessandro del Piero, scorer of both Juventus goals in the 2-1 win over Lazio on Saturday, is suspended. Nicola Amoruso, who has looked so sharp when brought on as a substitute, has broken a leg. Michele Padovano has been sold in

haste to Crystal Palace. So Fonseca and the lightweight Filippo Inzaghi will carry the flag in a game that Juventus must win to have a chance of staying in the competition.

Inter were beaten 2-0 by Strasbourg in the first leg of their Uefa Cup third-round tie, but were unlucky to have a goal disallowed. Strasbourg, as Liverpool found, are by no means the same force away from home and may find Ronaldo more than they can cope with.

In Ronaldo's absence, Brazil somewhat surprisingly restored Bebeto to their attack in South Africa, where he and his old partner, Romario, star turns of the 1994 World Cup finals, both scored in an unexpectedly narrow 2-1 win.

When it comes to the World Cup. Ronaldo will surely regain his place, as he will doubtless do in the imminent, irrelevant Confederation Cup in Saudi Arabia. Leverkusen and Monaco

are level on 12 points and the game in Leverkusen will probably turn on the oppor-tunism of Kirsten, a double German international (he initially played for East Germany) and the emerging Treziguet. When Monaco recently sold their leading scorer, Sonny Anderson, to Barcelona, it was in the knowledge that they had a capable

replacement.
Treziguet's story is an unusual one. His father, Jorgé. an Argentinian played for Rouen, where David was born. At the age of two, he returned to Argentina, where he learnt his trade, but an agent then persuaded him to try his luck in France.

For reasons that have always baffled Luis Fernandez, their manager at the time. Paris Saint-Germain turned Treziguet down. That was Monaco's gain.

Speaking no French at first. Treziguet had some difficult times in Monaco's juniors, but this season he has estab-lished himself in the team that leads the French league. He could have played for Argentina at youth level, but preferred to play for France and was one of the leading scorers in the under-20 world championship in Malaysia last summer.

His close friend is another gifted young Monaco player. Thierry Henry, who some months ago looked likely to go to Real Madrid. Then there is Victor Ikpeba, the talented Nigeria winger. These three have been the cornerstone of Monaco's success.

As for Kirsten, though Oliver Bierhoff (again a scorer for Udinese, against Bologna, in a 4-3 win on Sunday) seems to have displaced him in Germany's team, he is still a formidable goalscorer. He hit three in the recent 4-2 home win against the German champions, Bayern Munich. and followed up with a goal in Leverkusen's last Champions' League game, a 2-0 win at

#### FOR THE RECORD

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Answers from page 40 CRUMB DOWN (b) The stage during a banquet when sideplates, unused cutlery, tumblers and wine glasses are removed, and the surfaces of the table

brushed clean of debris prior to laying for coffee, port, etc. DRIVING BAND (b) Round the base of a shell is a band of soft metal, eg copper. When the shell is fired, the rifling inside the gun barrel bites into the driving band and, as the shell travels through the barrel, imparts the spin which stabilises its direction of flight.

(b) For many years a golf ball coming to rest in line between the opponent's ball and the hole, if farther than 6 inches apart, required the opponent to play without removing the obstructing ball. This golfing equivalent of a snooker was called a symic. LAY A STYMIE

AMYGDALIN (c) Amygdalin is found in the kernels of many stone fruits, as a crystalline substance. It also occurs in an amorphous state in the leaves of cherry, laurel, etc.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. Re7! Qxg1+: 2. Kc2 and the mate threat on h7 means that the best Black Qf2+: 3. Kb3 Qxf6: 4, 8xf6+ Kg8: 5, Rxb7, but White will win Young 81, D Hills 61) and 173 (J Angel 4 for 47). Western Australia won by 185 runs **FOOTBALL** 

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(Can) and G Hager (US), Women: 1, C Gig
(Fr); 2, A-M Pelchel (Carl); 3, A Battelle
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35 Mansfield v Brighton )
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37 Rochdale v Swansea\()
38 Rotherham v Torqueyt
39 Sthorpe v Scarboro 1

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FIRST DIVISION

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SECOND DIVISION

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BEST DRAWS: Plymouth, Wastord, York, Hochdale, Celic.
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**RUGBY UNION** SCHOOLS MATCHES: RGS High Wyc-ombe 21 SACS (South Africa) 16; Rishworth 13 Bingley GS 11; Rishworth 11 Wrelan 7, Stamford 22 Gresham's 0

SNOWBOARDING

SESTRIERE, Italy: World Cup event: Parallel stalom: Men: 1, M. Füderweit (Den); 2. D. Mohemdt (Gen), 3. E. Messner (fi); 4. H. Walder (Austria); 5. M. Chriquet (Fr) Women: 1, M. Posch (fi); 2. K. Ruby (Fi); 3. M. Bitki (Swei; 4. H. Renoth (Gen), 5. M. Boerme (Holl) Snowboard croses: Men: 1, A. Koller (Austria); 2. D. Bivescon (Swe); 3. N. Jenson (Can); 4. E. Messner (fi); 5. S. Malusa (fi) Women: 1, M. Hiegler (Austria); 2. M. Tidrivinskapa (Russ); 3. U. Fingerios (Austria); 4. M. Behl (Swe); 5. N. Sauerbrete (Holl) Giant stalom: Men: 1. N. Conte (Fra); 2. U. Kestenhotz (Swetz); 3. D. Happ (Austria); 4. S. Grabner (Austria); 5. F. Stadler (Austria) Women: 1, Ruby; 2. Renoth, 3. I. Zedlacher (Austria); 4. P. Zupan (Slovena); 5. J. Sedova (Sloveka).

**TABLE TENNIS** LYONS: French Open championship: Men: Semi-finals: C Legout (Fr) ti Wang Liquin (Chris) 16-21, 21-18, 13-21, 21-19, 21-11; D Hersler (Holl) ti C Creange (Gr) 10-21, 21-17, 23-25, 21-17, 21-15, Final: C Legout ti Heisler 19-21, 21-19, 2-20, 21-19, Women: Semi-finals: Sun Jin (Chrise) ti Wang Hui (Chrise) 21-17, 21-15, 16-21, 21-19; Cheng Hongdia (Chrise) ti Ten Jing (Ger) 15-21, 23-21, 21-16, 21-18, 21-17.

HULL: Girobenk Tour: Men: Quarter-finals: P Hand (Berkshie) bi D Kieman (Northumbertand) 6-0, 6-4; J Fox (Lincothshire) bi W Herbert (Middlesen) 6-4, 6-3; G Henderson (Yorkshire) bi P Cittl (Surrey) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; N Weal (Hampshire) bi A McPrerson (Durham and Cleveland) 6-3, 6-0 Semi-finals: Hand bi Fox 6-4, 7-5; Weal bi Henderson 2-1 net. Final: Weal (Middlesex) bi N Woodhouse (Northolis) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; E Erbove (Cz) bi L Ogen (Wenwickshire) 8-2, 6-2; N Egrova (Russ) bi J White (Northamplon-shire) 6-1, 6-3 Semi-finals: Ward bi Lutrova 6-2, 8-3, Egrova bi Erbova 6-1, 6-2 Final: Ward bi Egorova 7-6, 6-7, 6-2

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(Bul) 127.5. 125.5. 250.0. Beltg. 1. Xiao Jian
Gang (China) 142.5. 175.0. 317.5. 2. H.
Suleymanoglu (Turk) 145.0. 170.0. 315.0. 3.
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(China) 87.5. 117.5. 205.0. 2. h. Song Hu
(Nor Kor) 85.0. 110.0. 195.0. Group B: 1. E.
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Mareiro (Ven) 72.5. 95.0. 167.5; 3. S.
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#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL Third round, second lea

Spartak Moscow (0) v Karlsruhe (0)... Nationwide League First division

Charlton v Sheffield Utd (7.45) .............. Portsmouth v Wolverhampton (7.45) Auto Windscreens Shield Northern section, first round Cerlisie v Oicham (7.45)

Doncaster v Rochdale ...... Hull v Scarborough ..... Wigan v Lincoln City (7 45)..... Southern section, first round Barnet v Walsati (7.45) ..............

Fulham v Watford (7.45) GNingham v Pelerborough (7.45) Leyton Orient v Colchester (7.45) Northampton v Plymouth (7.45) Southend v Wycombe (7.45)..... Bell's Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen v Celtic (7.45) ...... Dundes Utd v Hearts (7.45)..... Vauxhali Conference Halitax v Northwich (7.45) . REPRESENTATIVE MATCH; Dr Mariens League v FA XI. UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division Attraton Town v Hyde Utd, Frickley v

Winsford Utd, Marine v Accrington Stanley Runcom v Lancaster. DR MARTIENS CUP: Second round: Cambridge City v Hinckley United, Fisher v Chethrsford; Grentham v Raunds Town, Reddish United v Bleton Town; Stour-bridge v Solinut; Sutton Coldfield v Ballerall

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PONITIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division:
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Town (? 0) FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: Nat-

RUGBY UNION University match Oxford v Cambridge (at Twickenham, 20) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy v Royal New Zealand Navy (at US Portsmouth, 7.0) UNDER-21 UNIVERSITY MATCH: Ox-

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: European Cup: Honved (Hun) v London Towers (7.30, in Budapest) BOWLS: Scottish Masters (in Coatbridge) RACING: Huntingdon (12:30), Plumpton (12:40), Sedgetierd (12:50)

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Coaching class: Mitchell and Woodward can point to the strengths of, from top left, clockwise, Dallaglio, Grayson, Perry and Back

#### say, are scarcely on a roll: this calendar year, they have played II internationals and lost five of them. They have drawn two more, leaving the somewhat flabby record of four victories in 1997 to look back upon. Six matches have passed without the comfort of a win, yet they will go into the five nations' championship in February as favourites.

This is what a drawn game with New Zealand can do. What, anyway, are dry-asdust statistics alongside the quivering excitement of a Saturday at Twickenham, when the finest team in the world is reduced to human proportions - or, to put it another way, England rise towards the standard New Zealand have set.

The past four weeks have seen England on a roll though some might call it a treadmill. They have absorbed new ideas and new techniques and then put them to work in the most demanding environment rugby union can offer; they have not been universally successful, but they have kept trying and the evidence of three tries to two against the All Blacks suggests that the lessons are being learnt.

be offered in favour of Ireland truth of John Hart's claim that and Wales. Both created the impression against New Zealand of playing more good rugby in 80 minutes at Lansdowne Road and Wembley than they managed in last season's five nations' championship, yet lost by, respectively. 48 and 35 points. Both have a limited number of players upon whom to call, as have Scotland, whose experiences against Australia and South Africa left them comfortless

## England draw hope from final florish

David Hands, rugby correspondent, on the lessons learnt

by the home nations after their busy autumn schedule

Wales could be a dangerous threat in the five nations'. particularly if they, like England, select a back row whose prime characteristic is pace. Should Colin Charvis recover fitness, he might play No 8 alongside Gwyn Jones and Martin Williams, all of them open-side flankers by inclination. If Wales's tight five forwards struggle, however, the sting of their back row would be reduced.

The trick for Woodward's England is to ensure that the standard does not decline within the constricting atmosphere of the five nations', but is raised again. Woodward, the England coach, is no fool and nor is his principal lieutenant, John Mitchell: they will look at the The same argument cannot match video and recognise the



**CHALLENGE** away from scoring seven tries. Their comfort will be an

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equally simple truth: that New Zealand scored only two.

Sometimes you must be prepared to lose the odd game. while a new, attacking style evolves," Pierre Villepreux, the assistant coach to France, said yesterday. Villepreux, an ad-

THE TIMES WORLD RUGBY UNION TABLE

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based on all full internationals played since the World Cup (June 1995)								

watched England's performance and offered hearty approval of the team that will be his next opponent, on February 7 in Paris.

"It was a truly outstanding performance," he said. "Clive Woodward has changed much of the personnel — players and coaches - but they have a common objective. Clive shares my rugby philosophy and I'm with him all the way in that to take on these southern hemisphere sides, you should attack them by keeping possession, spreading it wide, recycling and then going again. The predictable, set-piece kicking game of three or four years ago is finished." Over the next seven weeks. as the club programme splutters into life once more, we will see whether coaches have been

enthused by what they have seen on the international scene. Some will say that but for the work they have already done. England would not have been equipped to hold the All Blacks to a draw in the first place. It is a complex weave that exists in England at the moment: of young players learning from overseas veterans within a competitive structure that varies in quality more than it should. Zinzan Brooke, the New

Zealand No 8 in 58 interna-

tionals, will be a caller at the Stoop Memorial Ground this week to discuss his role when he joins the Harlequins next season. Conceivably, his presence will help a future genera-tion of English-qualified players but Woodward and Mitchell have to deal with the next two years.

Whoever the consider, they are unlikely to depart greatly from the players who have appeared against New Zealand over the last month or those who are at present in the under-21 squad — of whom Jonathan Wilkinson, an 18-year-old from Newcastle, showed a precocious talent against the New Zealand youth

XV at Newbury last Friday. Their comfort will be the maturing skills of such players as Austin Healey and Will Greenwood, of the back row trio of Lawrence Dallaglio, Richard Hill and Neil Back. Hill will expect a fierce challenge from Tim Rodber in the new year for the No 8 position but last Saturday suggests that he has the resources to cope, while Back has found at long last a security of tenure, at the age of 28, that he has never known before.

Not the least of young Matthew Herry's vitues is his cost Alarson 12.05cm Staye Macden 3.00 Alex Lester iron debraces and 1 Paul 1 Grayson's display at fly-half suggests that Mike Catt will have to play his way back in the

What each and every one of England's squad must do is treat the five nations' championship as nothing less than the challenge that they have faced against the southern hemisphere powers. If, as Dallaglio insists, they seek to be the best then they have to demonstrate that every time they play, the five nations' must never be a

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Advice for the unwary

Channel 4, 8.00pm

The second-hand car show continues to banish the memory of Arthur Daley. A Jaguar XJ-S comes on to the market this week and our resident experts, Richard Sutton and Mike Brewer, pull no punches. Their advice is to beware a model that has huge depreciation, is expensive to run, is tough on its suspension, suffers from poor paintwork and rot and has an air conditioning system notorious for breaking down. Sutton and Brewer are no less disparaging about a souped-up Renault 19 that at enormous expense (£4,500) has been fitted with an ear-blasting stereo system. But Wayne, the owner, is a salesman by trade and knows a few angles. Finally we meet a man who wants to trade in his Bond Bug, which for those who do not remember it is a tiny three-wheeler from the 1970s with a strong cult appeal.

Timewatch: Remember the Ugandan Asians BBC2, 9.00pm

It is 25 years since President Idi Amin of Uganda decided to expel his country's Asians. He accused them of saboraging the economy, though the reverse was the truth. Some 30,000 of them, with British passports but only ESO, fled to the United Kingdom. There was a hostile welcome. The city of Leicester had placed advertisements in Kampala newspapers telling the Asians to keep away. The National Front reinforced the message. But the newcomers got quietly on with their lives, using their entrepreneurial skills to survive and even flourish in their adopted land. So much so that Uganda now admits that expulsion was a mistake and is prepared to welcome the Asians back. Rebecca Sandiford's documentary draws effectively on interviews and archive material.

Innocents Lost Channel 4, 9.00pm

Have you ever heard of camel jockeys? Probably not, but after this report by the indefatigible Kate Blewett and Brian Woods there can be no excuse. Children so small that they can hardly sit on a camel, let alone ride one, are sold by poor families in Bangladesh to the United Arab Ernirates where camel racing is a big sport with millions of dollars

Tony and his Bond Bug (Ch4. 8.00pm)

behind it. None of this wealth finds its way to these penina it. None of inis wealth tinos its way to these tiny, bewildered kids, chosen to be jockeys because the less the camel carries the faster it can go. Thousands of miles from home, the children live in rough huts with no proper food or education. Blewett and Woods also take us to Costa Rica, where girls as waying as ten cell their hodies to where girls as young as ten sell their bodies to Americans looking for cheap sex, and show children in Ghana being held in bondage in the name of religion.

Picture This: The Chingford Newsreel BBC2, 9.50pm

Lawrence of Arabia lived there, Reggie Kray is buried there and Norman Tebbit was its MP. Chingford, on the London-Essex border, has a contract of the london and the london are the londo Chingford, on the London-Essex noticer. has a further distinction. For the past 40 years it has had its own newsreel, diligently produced by one David Pigott. In a style which combines Pathe and Movietone with the pages of a local newspaper. Pigott has recorded it all. Kids parade in fancy dress, there is a bouquet for the mayoress and Selving (remember her?) course the new heaven he Sabrina (remember her?) opens the new branch of a tyre chain. Pigott is an unashamed nostalgist and much of his footage is a lament for the past. The small shops have gone, along with red buses and red telephone boxes and a swimming pool that once attracted 176,000 visitors a year lies derelict. Almost as big a blow for Piggott is that his beloved cinefilm is in danger of being superseded by that inferior upstart, video.

Peter Waymark

#### RADIO CHOICE

The Prohibition Years Radio 2, 9.00pm

Who better to introduce a series on the era of Prohibition than George Melly, a student of the time and its music from way back? This is the second series on the years between 1920 and 1933 that Radio 2 has run this year. Speaking as a radio critic 1 regard that as excessive but as a fan of the music of the era I can easily handle two bites of the cherry in such a short time. Indeed the programmes are worth listening to just for the music, but the BBC's claim that some questions about the Prohibition years still remain unanswered may be a little wild, unless they are including questions to which few would want the including questions to which few would want the answer. But America's long, odd flirtation with prohibition continues to fascinate.

RADIO 1

6.30em Kevin Greening and Zoë Beil \$.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo, Writey 2.00pm Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Daire Pearce 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 3.30 Epital Update 8.40 John Peal. Includes a session by Half Japanese 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

n Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.36 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Richard Stigger's Classical Gas 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 The Prohibition Years. See Choice 9.30 Chic Murray. The Comic's Comic. See Choice 10.30 Richard

RADIO 5 LIVE

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VIRGIN RADIO

5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evens 10.00 (FM) Robin Barries (AM) Graham Dens 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30mm Paul Ross and Carol McCliffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Keily 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

Chic Murray: The Comic's Comic

Radio 2, 9\_30pm There are few more cheering ways to spend an hour than in the company of some of Britain's finest comics and they are all to be found in this tribute to one of the best music-hall comedians. Murray, the Tall Droll, was a master of the word play joke, in which an intended meaning is missed and replaced with an unintended one, thus and replaced with an unintended one, thus providing the punchline. A good example is Murray's joke about meeting a friend whose dog has had to be put down. "Was he mad?" asks Murray. "Well, he wasn't very pleased about it replies the man. Stanley Baxter, Roy Hudd, Jimmy Tarbuck and Eric Sykes are among those appear ing in tonight's programme, which also includes members of Murray's family.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: The Grass is Singing 7.30 Options 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Concert Half 9.00 News; News in Pause for Thought 8.15 Concert Half 9,00 News; News in German (648 only) 9,05 World Business Report 9,15 The Deal with Druge 9,30 Literature File: The MB on the Floss 9,45 Sports Roundup 10,00 Newsdesk 10,30 On Screen 11,00 Newsdesk; 11,30 What Do Christians Believe? 12,00 News 12,05pm World Businest Report 12,15 Entain Today 12,30 Health Metters 12,45 Sports Roundup 1,00 Newshour 2,00 News 2,05 Outlook 2,30 Multitrack Hit List 3,00 News; News in German (648 only) 3,05 Sports Roundup 3,15 Westway 3,30 The Greenfield Collection 4,00 News 4,15 Soundbyte 4,30 The World Today: News in German (648 only) 4,45 Britain Today World Today; News in German (648 only) 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 5.00 Newsdesic 8.30 One Planet; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook: 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Megamic 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Maridian Live 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Megamix 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Farming World 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Discovery 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Meridian Live 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Rounding 3.30 One Planet 4.00 Newsday 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today

#### CLASSIC FM

6.00ams Nick Bailey. News and travel reports, including Morning March and Breakfast Beroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Hell of Farne Hour, the Classic Masterplece and a recipe for smoked mackerel pate 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerto. Saint-Saëns (Prand Hour with Jane Jones 2,000 Concerto, Satht-Saèns (Piano Concerto No 2-in G minori) 3,000 Jamile Crick 6,30 Newsnight 7,000 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 8,000 Evening Concert, Saresate (Zigeunerweisen); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Bitte); Mendeleeothn (Motin Concerto in E minori; Tchelikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minori) 10,000 Michael Mappin, Includes at 11,35 Noctume 2,00em Concerto (r) 3,000 Mark Griffiths

## It's up to you, Dwight Yorke,



## Referees lose touch with a harmless tradition

JOHN HOPKINS

amateurism in rugby union is being dismantled. One more cherished tradition will go this afternoon when an amateur game, one of the most traditional of all rugby matches, takes place at Twickenham - and many and loud are the voices that deplore its ab-

Today, the second Tuesday of the twelfth month, is when Oxford traditionally face Cambridge at Twickenham. As 70,000 flock towards the game's most well-known rugby ground, the South East of England, in general, and the City of London, in particular, is divided between those who believe this match is a big event complete with attendant rites and rituals that must be observed properly, and those who cannot comprehend why two teams of students playing a not very high standard of rugby can dominate the national consciousness.

"For lessons that escape us. the game remains so popular that it was sold out five weeks ago," Mark Bailey, the Cambridge University representa-tive on the Rugby Football Union, said. This is something in a professional age that seems peculiarly attractive to the rugby public and while we're not certain what that appeal is, there is a fear of eroding it."

This afternoon's match will be the first at which the two touch judges will not be last year's two captains. Instead of men in short shorts, wearing their university blazers and caps, there will be referees running the line. Farewell tradition, bello professional-

The reason for ending a centuries-old custom is that the referees' committee rec-



on tampering with

a Varsity custom

ommended it, just as they insisted on their right to name the referee, something always the perogative of the universities. The referees felt their men were so scrutinised in the ame nowadays that it was unfair to expect them to work efficiently and correctly with-out the help of two fellow referces in adjudging offside and keeping an eye open for foul play. In effect, "we work

in threes or not all". The RFU agreed to the referees' demand and both universities, albeit rather reluctantly, acquiesced to the

"I understand the difficulties for a referee." Peter Johnson, the headmaster of Wrekin College and Oxford University's representative on the RFU, said. "A referee can have a real howler of a game and it can affect his standing because this match is such a high profile one. But I feel it is a great pity that the tradition has gone

Clive Woodward, the England coach, did not attend match, as so many have down social and sporting occasion. 'It is ludicrous that a harmless tradition in an amateur match can be swept aside on the whim of RFU officials," Woodward said. "I like tradition and I'm going to find out who overturned this old-fashioned touch judges' ritual and tell him he was simply wrong." This morning two Oxford

representatives, as well as Bailey and Ian Peck, from Cambridge, will meet Cliff Brittle, chairman of the RFU management board, and other RFU officials to talk about the future.

"We are fearful of the consequences of too much change," Bailey said. "We feel that the RFU should work with us to preserve this special feature of the game. Without the Varsity match, the RFU would lose some money and we would lose a large part of our income. We must establish a dialogue. It is as much our game as theirs. We will say to them, 'please, don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg." Derek Wyatt played for Oxford in 1980. Now the

newly-elected MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey and chairman of the all-party Rugby Union Committee is disillusioned at the loss of such traditions.

"This is not Twickenham's game." he said. "It is the universities. Oxford and Cambridge rent Twickenham, give Twickenham a sizeable cheque. We have got to keep tradition in the face of the march of commercialism. This is not the game we inherited and it is not the game we are going to pass on. What a shame it is."

6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes, includes
Monteverdi (Laetatus Sum, Vespers); Delius, en'
Fenby (Fernimore and Gerde, Intermezzo);
Rossini (Overture il Signor Bruschino); Tippeti
(Five Spirituels, A Child of Our Time); Liszi
(Concert Paraphrase on Verdi's Rigoletto); Bach
(Volin Concerto in A minor)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday.
Telemann (Concerto in E minor for Pute and
Recorder); Schumann (Piano Trio No 2 in P);
Schubart (Prometheus); Melcolm Amold (English
Dances, Set 1)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rowlinson.
Rawsthome (Overture Street Corner); Bax
(Tintagel); Dohnanvi (Serenade in C); Stephen
Hartice (Ascent of the Equestrian in a Balloon);
Tallis (Spern in Alizm); Wagner (Prelude Tristan
und tsodle); Saint-Sealos (Havenaise)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Goefar
1.00pon The Hadio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Catherine
King, mezzo, Wayne Marshali, piano. Includes (jor
Stravinsky (La Novice; Three Tales for Children);
Sottleima Stravinsky (Pavana and Verlations); Igor
Stravinsky (Cat's Cracle Songs, As I Was Saying,
The Rakes's Progress); Souleima Stravinsky
(Piccolo divertimento; Les valses); Igor Stravinsky
(The Owl and the Pussycat, Three Sings from
William Stravinsespare) (f)
2.00 The BBC Orchestrae, BBC National Orchestra of

fat); Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat)
4.00 Volces. Susan Sharpe presents the first of two
programmes to celebrate the 200th anniversary of
the birth of the German poet Heinrich Heine (r)
4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.00 in Tume. Sean Rafferty explores the ballads
behind Britten's opera Paul Buryer. Music
includes Yethud Menuhin performing
Mandelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor
7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century).
Live from the Queen's Hail, Edinburgh. The
Brindisi Quartet. Stravnisky (Concertino); Fauré
(String Quartet in E minor) 8.25 Brilliant Creatures
(4/6) 8.45 Copland (Rondino on the Name of
Gabriel Fauré); Ravel (String Quartet in F)
9.35 Postscript: Young Screenwriters. In the first of
lour conversation with telested young
screenwriters, Christopher Cook talks to Paul
Rudnick, the creator of Sister Act and Addams
Family Vatues (1/4)
10.00 BBC Philiparmonic, under Peter Maxwell Davies,
with Yuri Torchinsky, violin. Maxwell Davies (Sails
in St Magnus; A Spelt for Green Corn)
10.45 Night Waves, Fichard Coles talks to the author
Tim Parks about the difficulties surrounding the
translation of poetry
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11.30 Composer of the Week: Cole Porter (r) 11.30 Composer of the Weelc Cole Porter (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Richard Niles. Tonight, the
BBC Big Band are directed by the New Yorkbased plantst and arranger Michael Aherne, with
guest chummer Danny Gottlieb
1.00 Through the Niight, with Donald Macteod

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with your questions for the guest of the day
10.00 (Fill) News; And Here's the Tape to Prove it.
Andrew Mitchell joins Colonel John Blashford Snell
on a trek through the jurgles of Nepel (2/4)
10.00 (LW) News; Delity Service
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jerni Marray
11.30 Medicine Now. Geoff Waits take another look at
the state of the National Health Service
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and
current effoirs with John Waite

William Shekespeare) (f)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wates under Mark Wigglesworth, with Stephen Holugh, piano, Wagner (Suite Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg); Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and custort effeirs with John Waite.
12.25pm Random Edition. Peter Snow presents newspaper stories from the Swansaa and Glanorgan Harald for December 5.1849 (3/6) 12.55 Weather
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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Thirty Misute Theories Seyling it with Flowers, by Julie Stoneham. Two women take on the role of Good Sameritans, With Lynn Farleigh, Tamen Heatley and Graham Padden.
2.30 Misrorad in Music. International musicians choose and discuss music reflecting the character and spirt of their native countries (8/6).
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Bretten and guests

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and sex, and examines the enduring appeal of Treasure island
4.45 Short Story: Big for Welea, by Rhidian Brook, read by Sion Probert
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 North East of Edea. The comedy series by Peter Kerry. With Joan Sins (2/8) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Topical reports
8.00 Science Now. A weekly look at the latest scientific developments and discoveries with Peter Evens (r) and sex, and examines the enduring appeal of

scientific developments and discoveries with Peter Evens (r)

8.30 The Network. Alun Lewis explores the dilemmas created by computer dating and cybersex, and asks whether they can eventuelly lead to cyberacultary (4/6)

9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news, views and Information for visually impaired people

8.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with leabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Bedtime Candida. Anton Lesser reads voltaire's classic saine. Translated by John Butt, abridged by Andrew Simpson (2/8)

11.00 Meditarneve. This week's events in the media (r)

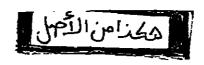
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament

11.30 (FM) Sentimental Journey. Dickie Bird takes Arthur Snith on a guided tour of Lord's (4/6) (r)

12.00 News 12.30 on The Late Book. Metroland. Written and read by Julian Barnes (7/10) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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## Children abandoned to torment and terror

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Bicwett are making a name children scratch a living. Perhaps like Suzanna, are raped: by police. for themselves for producing documentaries on subjects upon which, in Burke's phrase, it is difficult to speak, and impossible to be silent. It was Woods and Blewett who revealed the horrors inside many Chinese orphanages in their two films, The Dying Rooms and Return To The Dying

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In Innocents Lost (Channel 4), a two-part documentary which began last night and continues this evening, they travelled to 21 countries to discover how carelessly and callously many governments, from Guatemala to Greece, have abandoned their children to lives of torment and terror. Innocents Lost is the sort of film that makes even those people who bray that all television is about idiots, by idiots. for idiots, bite their tongue. We spent most of last night in Latin America, where 40 million of

children scratch a living. Perhaps
because so many people still refuse

Others are beaten up: by police.

Police grab street children in to believe it, the programme reminded us that no child chooses to be homeless. They are running from broken families and victimisation. Once on the street, it is hard to imagine how they find the will to live. It was like Waiting

For Godot, only without the jokes. Fear and hunger are anaesthet-ised by sniffing glue. A child addict on the streets of Guatemala City can get through a gallon of glue a

The effects of glues, according to Bruce Harris of Casa Alianza, a local children's charity, are "prob-lems to the central nervous system. They cause kidney problems. They cause upper respiratory problems. And also irreversible and permanent brain damage."
But sniffers sniff to forget things.

Like what? a young boy is asked. "Like, the fact that I exist." Many,

Guatemala," explained Harris,

whose anger rumbles like a volcano because he has looked from every angle and can't see how any civilised person could grow inured to such inhumanity. They torbure them, they gouge their eyes out. They cut their ears off. People don't seem to understand that behind this façade of dirty faces and aggressiveness, there is a child who is very lonely. That child needs to be hugged; that child needs a teddy bear; and that child needs to be told that somebody loves them. They're children!"

ose began living on the streets

— and fending for himself. and coming to terms with the reality that from now on nobody was going to be looking out for him except himself - at the age of live, the age when other children

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

are being measured for their first school trousers. What topped his list of worries? Death — not the most traditional cause of anguish in five-year-olds. José, who has found refuge in a Casa Alianza shelter, was "most afraid of death. And of policemen's beatings. Sometimes they poured water onto us when we were sleeping, or they set fire to us, or they woke us up by kicking us, or in the night they

would take you away to jail. Then in fact they are just children."

One boy wanted his mother: and put in the bare wires from a light. They turn on the electricity and you might not come out of there alive. This is the fear I had there in the street, that I would die this way." So probably not much point seeking a policeman's help if the neighbourhood thug starts beating you up, then.

These are children who do not

live. They exist until it's time to die. Even characters in a Beckett play lead happier lives than this.

At the Kirovgrad penal colony, in the Ural mountains, we saw 14year-old boys serving two and three-year sentences, spending their childhoods square-bashing. sometimes just for stealing loose change. Why? Because as the former Soviet Union crumbles into chaos, there is huge public pressure to be tough on child crime. As the camp's commandant says: "Officially they are criminals. But

"Without her no one cares for me." Another 14-year-old, asked what he looked forward to, thought hard. Finally, an answer: "Nothing". Imagine. At 14. Nothing.

These are children who are not condemned to die, but condemned to live. Tonight's film finds others, some sold into slavery, some into the sex trade; all abandoned by society. And it doesn't just happen abroad. One of the aims of the recently formed charity, Pilotlight. for example, is to highlight how many teenagers are homeless in

f you are motherless, and jobless, and hopeless, and I moneyless, it probably doesn't much matter whether you're in Gateshead or Guatemala. Life in both would be a slap in the face, although we would hope our police are a little better behaved.

It all makes young Bart in The Simpsons (BBC2) seem both well blessed and well adjusted. Of course, he always has been. Far from being a dysfunctional family, the Simpsons is quite a close-knit and moral one - even when, as last night, Bart finds himself briefly entangled with the local mobsters, Fat Tony, Louie and Joey. Marge and Homer Simpson always know which side of the law they want their family to be on. But the joy of The Simpsons is in the details - seeing Bart, flush with fat tips from tending bar in the mobsters' gaming den, starting to sport wide-boy suits, white spats and a Brooklyn toity-toid and toid' accent; or (after his headmaster asks why Bart is supervising graffiti-spraying in the play-ground) watching mini-Mafioso Bart stuff a \$100-bill in the head's top pocket, patting the head's cheek, and yawning: "You ain't seen nuttin? Now beat it!"

#### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (60441) 7.09 BBC Breekfast News (T) (72199) 9.00 Good Living Transforming a hallway; unusual Christmas cards (1328002) 9.25 Style Challenge From the Clothes Show Live (1315809)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (2053199) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (1823064) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (8822538) 11.35 Change That (3048489) 12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (9562996)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (2773489) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (5446977) 1.00 News (1) and weather (75286) 1.30 Regional News (17515118) . 1.40 The Weather Show (86419977) 1.45 Neighbours (i) (70639052) 2.10 Petrocelli Crime drama (r) (1117422) 3.00 Vets' School Bristo! University's veterinary training school students

3.30 Playdays (7872286) 3.50 Arthur (7876002) 4.15 Fudge (3462783) 4.35 It'll Never Work (2754712) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5034967) 5.10 Aquila (T) (6461335)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (646625) 6.00 News (T) and weather (248) 6.30 Regional News (828)

7.00 Hollday Featuring the French Riviera; the happy trail to Goa; Istanbul; a budget break in the Lake District; and the Dartmouth Regatta (1) (3002)

7.30 EastEnders Smon seeks a showdown with Tony. Frank helps Ricky out of a sticky patch; Bianca lums to Alex for Cindy (1) (712)

8.00 Mysteries with Carol Vordermen A nine-year-old girl somehow cataputed to safety through the window of a burning 8.30 A Question of Sport Wimbledon

midfielder Vinnie Jones, Glamorgan cricketer Robert Croft, England and Grea Britain hockey player Jane Soamith and Scottish rugby union international Doddle Weir join captains John Parrott and Ally McCoist to put their sporting knowledge to the test (T) (8557)

9.00 News (T) and weather (7809) 9.30 Under Siege (1992) Former Navy Seal Steven Seagal, sided by beautiful stripper Erika Eleniak, leaps into action to rescue a US battleship taken over by terrorists out to steal its nuclear arsenal. Directed by Andrew Davis (504151) WALES: 9.30 Week In, Week Out (48557) 10.00 FILM: Under Siege (591847) 11.40 FILM:

Convict Cowboy (903847) 1.10am News (9771478) 1.15 BBC News 24 11.10 Convict Cowboy (1995) Jon Voight stars as a nodeo rider serving a jail sentance, who pulls out all the stops to prevent a naive young inmate from falling in with the prison's crowd of violent drug dealers. Directed by Rod Holcomb (925809)

12.40am Weather (8191045) 12.45 BBC News 24

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#### 6.00am Arts: Melodrama (81422) 6.30 The 7.00 See Hear Breakfast News (T and

signing) (3348286) 7.15 Telestubbles (r) (2535288) 7.40 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r) (8995847) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (T) (6180064) 8.30 The Secret Life of Toys (r) (8584489) 8.45 The Record (7199444) 9.10 The Fugitive (r) (T) (1995286) 10.80 Teletubbies (50439) 10.30 Design for Scandal (1941, b/w) Comedy with Rosalind Russell and Walter

Pidgeon, Directed by Norman Taurog (8535489)

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11.50 Beechgrove Cuttings (2130915) 12.00

See Hear (r) (T) (99793) 12.30pm

Working Lunch (26335) 1.00 Fireman

Sam (r) (50610605) 1.10 The History

Hour: the churches of Mid-Norfolic post
Edwardian fashion (2506538) 2.10

Going, Going, Gone (64772335) 2.40

News (T) (7928354) 2.45 Westminster (T) (5068083) 3.25 News (T) (2416642) 3.30

The Vitage (r) (606) The Village (r) (606)

4.00 Ready Steady Cook (441) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (2753083) 4.55 Esther: the death of a partner (5149809) 5.30 Today's the Day (977) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (333002) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (640248)

7.10 A Women Called Smith (r) (T) Wendy Smith, reveals her idea for passing on her temily name (427335) 7.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs Martin

Bell profiles people who report human rights violations (458847) 7.30 From the Edge Kuljit Bhamra, the speed bump designer turned award-winni disabled record label owner (T) (354)

8.00 University Challenge Exeter University v Jesus College, Cambridge (1) (7064) 8.30 Food and Drink Brandy for Christmas; gadgets for preparing gartic and Mexican wine (T) (6199)

Timewatch: Remember the Ugandan Asians Ugandan Asians excelled by kill Amin talk about



David records the news (9.50pm)

Picture This: The Chingford Newsreel Insight into the work of David Pigott, newsreel-maker (T)

(832422)10.20 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (r) (443847)

19.30 Newsnight (T) (991267) 11.15 Seinfeld (1) (444575) 11.40 The Larry Sanders Show (232441) 12:00 The Midnight Hour (5235590) 12.25am Weather (3520923)

12.30 Learning Zone: Russell Grant (8193403) 12.35 Picturing the Modern City (8534126) 1.00 Regions Apart? (33855) 2.00 Art and Craft of Movle Making (81519) 4.00 Deutsch Plus 13-16 (34861) 5.00 Career Moves (89107)

#### 6.00am GMTV (2814460) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1) (1324557) 9.55 Regional News (7177199)

10.00 The Time, the Place (47915) 10.30 This Morning (T) (97669489) 12.20pm Regional News (9551880) 12.30 News (1) and weather (5465002)

12.55 Shortland Street (5440793) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (73786354) 1.50 Rugby '97: The Varsity Match Coverage from Twickenfram of the 116th Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge (36898373)

3.45 News (T) (8356118) 3.49 Regional News (8356118)

3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (8337083) 4.00 Zzzapi Christmas Annuals (7894002) 4.15 Hey Amoldi (1) (3471441) 4.40 The Ward (T) (2099624) 5.10 WALES: Don't Try This at Home, Kidsl (9434373) 5.10 Relative Knowledge (9434373)

5.40 News (T) and weather (812731) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (705098) 6,00 Home and Away (r) (1) (337828) 6.25 HTV Weather (676354) 6.30 Regional News (T) (996) 7.00 Emmerdale A strange tramp in the woods unsettles Sam (T) (8170)

7.30 Take 3 Current affairs reports on issues affecting the region (880) 7.30 WALES: The People's Garden (880)



Scott Neel and Graham Cole (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Potential for Conflict Stamp (Graham Cole) visits Hendon for new recruit Luke Ashton's (Scott Neal) last day of training (1) (4118)

8.30 The Cook Report (T) (3625) 9.00 Soldier, Soldier: No Pain, No Gain Butcher's efforts to prove he is not stupid spell trouble for Jacko and the CO is chastised for the death of McCleod. Last in series (1) (1996)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (94248) 10.30 Regional News and weather (375335) 10.40 Savage Earth The devastating effects of the shuddering waves triggered by earthquakes. Last in series (1) (466996)

11.40 WALES: In Suspicious Circumstances (r) (T) (318170) 11.40 Charlie Grace (318170) 12.40em Planet Mirth (3611229) 1.10 Late and Loud (6839584) 2.10 The Chart Show (r) (1338132)

3.00 Football Extra (r) (38395) 4.00 World of Sailing (r) (79040836)

4.25 Curtis Calls (24069300) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (79183836) 5.00 The Maiding of Event Horizon (r) (79584)5.30 News (39381) SATELLITE AND CABLE

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12.54pm Air Watch (82650489) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5440793) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9434373) 5.59-6.00 Air Watch (705098) 6.25-7.00 Central News (921625)

7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special. An investigation into standards of taste and decency on television (880) 11.40 Highlander (867606)

12.45am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (6819720) 1.20 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

1.40 War of the Worlds (9941836) 2.30 The Paul Ross Show (7951942) 3.55 Central Jobfinder '97 (2805942)

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5.20 Aslan Eye (4599497)

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 Countdown to (5440793)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9434373) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (644) 6.30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (996) 7.30-8.00 Ambulance! (880) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (318170) 5.00am Freescreen (79584)

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6.25-7.00 Anglia News (921625) 7.30-8.00 Out to Lunch with Brian Turner

10.29 Anglia Air Watch (714847) 11.40 First Take (703354) 12.10am Short Story Cinema (5145923)

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (65809) 9.00 Something So Right (47575) 9.30 Film: The Shocking Miss Pilgrim (60426) 11.00 The Trouble with Kids (3083) 11.30 Powerhouse 170uble with Kids (3083) 11.30 Powerhouse (4712) 12.00 Sesame Street (24489) 12.30 pm Ricki Lake (44731) 1.00 Slot Methrin (50629354) 1.15 Pingu (50624809) 1.30 Madame O'Hara (86499731) 1.35 Film: Love is a Many Spiendoured Thing (36875422) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (642) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (809) 4.30 United Tastes of America (793) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (3248) 5.30 Countdown (373) 6.00 Newyddion (799644) 6.10 Heno (489064) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (454967) 7.25 Gwyn A'i Fyd (480642) 8.00 Y Sioe Gelf (5460) 8.30 Newyddion (1267) 9.00 Y Palmant Aur (9538) 10.00 Brookside (290880) 10.35 Newyddion Arbennig: Mesur Detganoli (825489) 11.05 Frasier (762847) 11.35 Brit Girls (702625) 12.05am Equinox (5144294) 1.05-2.05 Innocents Lost

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9.30 The Shocking Miss Pligrim (1946) Betty Grable and Dick Haymes star in this musical set in 1870s Boston, about a typisl who wins over her stuffy boss to the cause of women's rights. Directed by George Seaton (60426)

11.00 The Trouble with Kids Series on parenting (2/5) (3083) 11.30 Powerhouse (1) (4712) 12.00 Sesame Street (24489) 12.30pm Light Lunch (91002) 1.30 The Living Sea (r) (43002)

2.00 Call of the Wild (1935, b/w) with Clark Gable and Loretta Young. Outdoor romantic adventure set at the time of the ska Gold Rush. Directed by William Wellman (70977)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (642) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (809) 4.30 Countdown (T) (2748151) 4.55 Rickl Lake: Using the stars to find your soul mate (T) (5134977) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (373)

6.00 Moviewatch Featuring a review of I Know What You Did Last Summer (1) (286) 6.30 Roseanne: Chicken Hearts Roseanne sets her new young boss straight (r) (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (425286) 7.50 Innocents Gained (571880)

8.00 Deals on Wheels Series with advice on buying second-hand cars (5/6) (T) (5460) 8.30 Brookside Has Jacqui found an alternative solution to her money worries? Sinbad and Carmel become concerned that their house guest is going to become a permanent future (T) (1267)

9.00 Innocents Lost
Documentary on child abuse and exploitation focusing on youngsters who have been preyed on for their labour or their bodies (2/2) (T) (9538)



Martin, Susan and Teddy (10pm)

10,00 Underworld The final episode of the black comedy thriller. Martin (David Troughton and and Susan (Susan Wooldridge) shed their inhibitions while Gilda tries to make the peace with William, With Alun Armstrong as Teddy

11.35 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (T) 12.15am Sidewalk Storles (1989, b/w) An award-winning contemporary comedy drama written, directed and starring Charles Lane as a man trying to reunite child with her mother in the hostile environment of New York (712861)

2.55 Springhili (7491381) 4.20 The Bureau (4/4) (r) (T) (5114823) 5.10 In Conversation With (r) (3775395) 5.50 Terrytoons (7370294)

2.10 Late Night Ricki Lake (r) (T) (5014279)

#### **CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE**

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (4529847)

7.30 Milkshake! (7809606) 7.35 Kablam! (9491199) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8859593) 8.30 WildeWorld Documentary series on Victorian Britain (8/10) (9209034)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine presented by Pattie Coldwell and Tony Kemer (7363199) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (4728538) 10.30 Period Rooms (r) (T) (5809278)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (3630460) 11.50 Double Espresso (90296731) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (5609070) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (1829996) 1.00 5 News Update (88161286) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (4412118) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment (3617996)

3.30 The Invisible Woman (1983) starring Bob Derwer, Alexa Hamilton and David Doyle. A scientist's niece uses her uncle's formula to help her in her job as an investigative journalist. Directed by Alan J. Levi (9809712)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (56166793) 5.30 Whittle Audience participation quiz show (T) (4078460)

6.00 100 Per Cent (4075373) 6.30 Family Affairs Holly and Tim enjoy a successful date; and Pete's new business is booming (T) (4066625) 7.00 5 News (1) (5434538)

7.30 Uefa Cup Footbell — Live From Vita Park, the crucial, second-leg match between Aston VIIIa and Steaua Bucharest of Romania (85338199)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to



Amanda Holden stars (9.50pm)

9.50 We Know Where You Live Comedy sketch show (r) (7404996) 10.20 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Cornedy panel game (r) (2501489) 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and

chat (1980286) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2732083)

12.35am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine. Includes, at 3.45, Futbol Americas (48373382) 4.40 The Streets of San Francisco The police continue their investigation into the bizarre kidnapping of an entire jury. Starring Karl Malden and Michael Douglas (2/2) (T)(1708126) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7248836)

• For further listings see Saturday's Vision SKY 1

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6.00am Morning Glory (721557) 9.00 Hotel (32712) 11.00 Another World (22712) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (84034) 12.00 Oprah Wirting (85002) 1.00pm Gereldo (61422) 2.00 Safty Jessy Renhael (88422) 3.00 Jorny Jores (78248) 4.00 Oprah Wirting (85002) 1.00pm Gereldo (61422) 3.00 Obrah Teen (7539) 6.30 Married with Chadren (4498) 7.00 The Simpsons (5248) Chadren (4498) 7.00 The Simpsons (5248) 7.30 Roar TV (3373) 6.00 Rescue Paramedica (4498) 8.30 Coppers (6731) 9.00 Police Stop (6 (20199) 10.00 The Edwardinary (23496) 11.00 Saft Trek Voyage (2347) 12.00 Late Show with David Laterman (12342) 1.00am in the Heat of the Night-150CST) 2.00 Long Play (6395590) SKY BOX OFFICE

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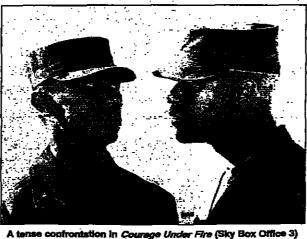
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GRANADA PLUS 6,00am The Box (\$306536) 7.00 Corona-tion St (\$713763) 7.30 Families (\$722629) 8.00 Blind Date (\$356847) 9.00 Within These Walls (4296118) 10,00- Donahus



(6721712) 11.00 Hart to Hart (67:18248) 12.00 Coronation St (8154170) 12.30pm Fermites (2824825) 1.00 On the Buses (67:1204) 1.00 Please Siri (2823906) 200 Tha Good Glys (7237286) 3.00 Donatus (7461829) 4.00 Massion: Introssible (744335) 5.00 Hawaii Five-0 (32:1841) 5.00 Fermites (75:10727.5) 2.00 Fermites (75:10727.5) (74(455) 330 Fisher, 1997 (32 1844); 6,00 Femilles (7581002) 6,30 Coronation St. (7572354) 7,00 Bind Date (238585) 8,00 Hert in Hart (6890639) 9,00 Coronation St. (747987) 9,30 Fishe and Pice (2344489) 18,00 Hawau Five-O (3335426) 11,00 Close CARLTON SELECT (cable)

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6.00am Under the Umbrelle Tree 5.30 Rosie and Jim 6.45 Winnie the Pooh 7.00 Aladdin: The Series 7.30 Tex Avery 8.00

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12.00pm Swan's Crossing 12.30 Ready or Not 1.00 Madison 1.30 California Dreams 2.00 Saved by the Bel 2.30 Swan's Crossing 3.00 9-2-5 2.30 Ready or Not 4.00 Saved by the Bel 4.30 USA High 5.00 Hangtine 5.30 California Dreams 6.00 TX Six 6.30 Madison 7.00 Hangtime 7.30 USA High 8.00 Close **CHALLENGE TV** 5.00pm Cross Wits 5.30 Move on Up 5.00
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7.00pm Grace Under Fire (1064) 7.30 Roseanne (6489) 8.00 Ellem (3192) 8.30 Cybill (9847) 9.00 Cheers (15793) 9.30 Taxi (88199) 10.00 Frasser 424222) 10.30 Kenny Everett (51170) 11.00 Festival of Fun (27538) 11.30 Ellem (82203) 12.00 Roseanne (10234) 12.30mm Nightstand (77045) 1.00 Soep (38841) 1.30 Taxi (78010) 2.00 Festival of Fun (12497) 2.30 Grace Under Fire (97132) 3.00 Frasler (57497) 3.30 Kenny Everett (15584) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Sightings (3277354) 9.00 Derk Stees (3297118) 10.00 Makang of the Cape (3091538) 10.30 Contact (3090286) 11.00 Findley the 13th (5589199) 12.00 Sightings (6536328) 1.00am Fivilight Zona (8850851) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpoted (3599871) 2.00 Dark Shadows (7811942) 2.30 New Hitchcock (7607749) 3.00 Findley the 13th (9496381) 4.00 Close HOME & LEISURE

9.00mm Joy of Parring 9.30 Garden Club 10.00 Garden Party 10.30 New Yenkee Workshop 11.00 Andy's Angling Adven-tures 11.30 Homelime 12.00 The Dicernan 12.30 pm. This Old House 1.00 Yen Cen. Cook 1.30 Restoration Game 2.00 Furniture Guys 2.30 Antiques Trail 3.00 Two's Country 3.30 Home Agein 4.00 Close DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Dicemen (3152977) 4.30 Roadshow (3161488) 5.00 Ancient Warriors (8308847) 5.30 Beyond 2000 (3165441) 6.00 The Super Prodestre (9623199) 7.00 Mysterious Universe (639033) 7,30 Desester (3182119) 8,00 Discover Magazine (415906) 9,00 Raging Planer (4161373) 10,00 Crime Crackers (4164480) 11,00 Heart Surgeon (6317977) 12,00 The Discover (7474923) 12,30em Roadshow (7158403) 1.00 Desaster (8582990) 1.30 Beyond 2000 (9077107) 2.00 Close NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Lions of the African Night (9041489) 8.00 Mirror World (8027809) 9.00 After the Humbanes (9164489) 9.30 Can't Drown This Town (3981118) 10.00

Lifestyles of the Wet and Muddy (8033460) 11.00 Pantanal (5357880) 12.00 Cham-pions of the Wave (2992958) 1.00em Close TRAVEL (cable)

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4.00pm Virny, Birth of a Nation: Part One . (5779278) 5.00 Civil War Journal (2367170) 6.00 Ancent Mysteries: Guardians of the Ages (7786847) 7.00 Biography: Joan Crawford (2849335) 8.00 Close **CARLTON FOOD (cable)** 12.00pm Food Network Daily 12.30 Alve and Cooking 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 Twelve Chets of Christmas 2.00 Chel for Day 2.50 Food Network Daily 3.00 The Green Gourmet 3.30 Graham Ker's Kitch-

LIVING 6.00am Trny Living 9.00 Why Me? 9.30 The Cortion Short Shore 10.10 Jerry Springer 11.00 The Young and the Restless 11.58 Brookside 12.25pm Jerry's 12.55 Cheep Chic 1.25 Ready, Sready, Cook 2.05 Hart to Hart 3.00 Live at Three 4.05 Jerry Springer 5.00 Relands 5.50 Cheep Chic 8.20 Ready, Shorth Cook 2.00 Fearum 8.11 7.20 Steady, Cook 7.00 Rescue 911 7.30 Mysterics, Magic and Myscles 8.00 Adren-alin Junioss 9.00 Fil.Mt. She-Devil 11.00 Say Life Down Under 12.00 Close

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#### **AMERICAN FOOTBALL 46**

Versatile quarterback adds extra dimension to Pittsburgh Steelers

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**CRICKET 48** 

Pakistan on brink of series triumph over West Indies



TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 1997

## Important lesson of university challenge

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE is a link, a far from tenuous link, between the teams who will play at Twickenham today in the 116th University match between Oxford and Cambridge, and the most recent visitors to that famous ground. The New Zealand party included not only a recent Cambridge Blue in Steve Surridge (whose brother, Paul, is the Light Blues' full back) but two students. Taine Randell and Jeremy Stanley. who might be role models for

budding players the world over. Randell, a potential All Blacks captain, took a double degree in commerce and law from the University of Otago: Stanley is pursuing his medical studies, each of them well aware that there is more to life than sport. A week earlier the South Africa team that beat England included in its back row Andrew Aitken, a Blue at Oxford in 1993 - an indication that the contribution to be made by Oxbridge to the international arena

remains strong.

There is already a growing appreciation that life as a profes-sional rugby player has its draw-

backs, not only because of the financial insecurity that will contin-ue to baunt the game, but also the boredom factor. Hence the pleasure that Mark Denney, who plays for Cambridge today, for example, takes from his law course at St Edmund's Hall after a season as a professional with Bristol.

Denney, 22, was injured towards the end of last season and immedlately his earning power declined. The value, therefore, of the qualifications he now seeks was readily enhanced. Not only that - univer-sity rugby has taken him to Twickenham, in front of a 70,000 crowd, and there have been few signs recently that Bristol will emulate that in the near future.

It is necessary to reiterate these arguments if the youngsters now contemplating offers from leading clubs are to achieve a decent balance in their lives yet, at the same time, the administrators of Oxford and Cambridge are all too aware of the significance of this day in their sporting calendar. The money generated by this annual ritual for the Bowring Bowl allows both universities to offer a higher standard of competition than other

TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM OXFORD UNIVERSITY N Booth Referee: B Campsell (Yorkshire) TV: ITV (from 1,3,50)

Within that framework exists the environment for development to which leading clubs themselves aspire. It includes the opportunity for innovation and self-expression that Clive Woodward encourages at England level, but also urges the principle that rugby is a game of

that sport as a whole possesses a significant social function. These are attributes all universi-

ties, not only Oxbridge, encourage as a review of some recent international captains will testify. It includes England's Phil de Glanville (Durham and Oxford), Scotland's Rob Wainwright (Cambridge), and Ireland's Niall Hogan (Royal Irish College of Surgeons and Oxford). Hogan, of course, plays today behind a pack that the Dark Blues hope will give them the foundation of their 49th win against Cam-

bridge's record of 54 successes. It is, though, too simple to describe the game as the Oxford forwards against the free-scoring Cambridge backs. One of the most potent weapons at Iffley Road this term has been the speed from full back of Richie Maher, the Oxfordcaptain. It would be criminal of Oxford to ignore Maher. even while they hope that the pack can gain the upper hand.

That they possess considerable experience in and around the pack is incontestable: apart from Hogan, the Ireland scrum half, Ray Lehner has propped for the American Eagles, Kevin Spicer has been a regular in the London Irish back row, and David Kelaher has represented Australia in the Hong Kong

Cambridge, however, have learned hard lessons against demanding opposition this term.
Competing in the Cheltenham and Gloucester Cup has brought them up against, in swift succession. Bedford, London Scottish and Blackheath. The first two games were lost heavily, the last by a mere five points but these are just the sort of matches in which the student proclivity for innovation

On a more positive note, Tom

Murphy prefers to look back to the 34-27 win over Australian Capital Territory Brumbies. The Cambridge captain, also Australian and one of nine old Blues, sees that game as apt preparation for Twickenham. "If we play as well as we did then, we will be very difficult to beat," he said.

Murphy's forwards will have benefited from their work with Phil Keith-Roach, England's scrum-maging coach, and Tony Rees, the

England draw hope ..

Cardiff lock. "Rees was brilliant." Murphy said. "He came up with a lot of ideas and helped us work through one or two things. He gave us a different perspective on the

Oxford know that Cambridge are favourites and are happy to be underdogs in a match they have not won since 1993, Aitken's year. Could it be an omen that where the South African enjoyed success at Twickenham last month, his old university might do so again?

### Former England coach on shortlist

## Nigeria on verge of announcing Venables decision

By Our Sports Staff

TERRY VENABLES is expected to learn today whether he has been chosen to coach Nigeria in the World Cup finals in France next year.

The former England coach shortlist of three for the lucrative post, along with Jo Bonfrere, who has coached eria before, and Bora Milutinovic, recently dismissed by Mexico, despite helping them to qualify for the World Cup finals.

Soccer Australia has said that Venables, who is believed to be interested in the challenge, would be allowed time off from his post with their national side to work with Nigeria.

The chairman of the Nigerian Football Association, Abdulmumini Aminu, has already decided on his preferred candidate. A spokesman for the Nigerian FA said that Aminu would disclose who it bonus for the nation".

The Portsmouth chairman, whose position at Fratton Park remains uncertain after claims by the Nationwide League first division club last week that he had stepped down, flew to Saudi Arabia

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yesterday to take charge of Australia in a exhibition tour-

He has been contacted by an agent claiming to represent the Nigerian FA, offering him a basic salary of £500,000 with lucrative bonuses for each victory in the tournament, although no agreement has yet been reached. The spokes man said: "Mr Venables has been considered for the post, there is no doubt about that An official announcement on the new coach will be made tomorrow by the chairman."

There were concerns that Venables would not be able to combine the two posts coaching Australia, who failed to qualify for the World Cup in a play-off with Iran, and Nigeria. However, David Hill, of Soccer Australia, told Radio 5 Live: "I would want to discuss this first with Terry, but of course we're not in the

World Cup and Nigeria is. "It costs us a lot of money to have Terry as coach, by our standards a lot of money, when we're not in the World Cup. So it may be possible for us to release him from his contractual obligations for a period if he wants to."

Efan Ekoku, the Wimbledon and Nigeria striker, said that he doubted whether Venables would be chosen for the post. "I am sure we would benefit from having Terry Venables in charge," Ekoku said, "but I think, with just six or seven months to the World Cup, we are more likely to get a coach who is familiar with the players, knows African football and is familiar with the workings of Nigeria and



A lone Leeds United supporter stands at the Elland Road gates, which have become a shrine to Billy Bremner, the former captain and manager

## Bremner memorial likely

A PERMANENT tribute is being planned to Billy Bremner, the former Leeds United player and manager. who died of a heart attack on Sunday, Peter Ridsdale, the club chairman, said yesterday. The commemmoration would be done with the full cooperation of Bremner's family and has already received support from several former

Bremner made 585 league appearances for Leeds between 1959 and 1976 and played in two league champ ionship winning teams. He also won FA Cup, League Cup and two European Fairs Cupand Trevor Cherry, all former team-mates of Bremner, supported the plan for a memorial accessible to the public.

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Cherry, the former Leeds and England defender, said of Bremner: "He was a fan's person. He related to them and they always warmed to him. So it should be something on view for the supportrather than in the boardroom or an executive

Lorimer suggested a tribute plaque could be erected to recognise all the former leading players of Leeds United. Billy was the captain of a great side, but that whole team could be recognised," he said. Gray, now the club's youth

left his own lasting reminder and legacy to the club. He was a great ambassador, so I'm sure the chairman will come up with something fitting."

Ridsdale said of Bremner. who managed Leeds between 1985 and 1988 and who had two spells in charge of Doncaster: "Anyone who ever talks about the history of Leeds United automatically talks about Billy Bremner and the great side he led during the 1960s and 1970s — the most successful period in the club's

"Billy Bremner led by examnle. He was the most inspirational and talented player of no words that can ever do credit to his contribution to this club both on and off the

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about a return to the days of civil war, and ghoulish to recount details of the acrimonious rows that revolved around Geoff Boycott's carabout remaining at Headingley, its time-honoured headquarters, after all. eer, but Yorkshire County Cricket Club is in a "reet 'ole" again. Whether it can dig itself out speedily and un-When Yorkshire issued a scathed is a matter of urgent concern to its officials, for whom the past few days have been a public relations

The touchy subject is, unsurprisingly, a well-worn one. It concerns the controversial proposal to move to a greenfield site at Durkar, near Wakefield, a move that the club's 9,500 members endorsed nine months ago by the overwhelming ratio of three to one. It now transpires, however, that the club has been in confidential negotrations with Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Club

denial last week that these talks were in progress, it elicited an immediate rebuttal from Paul Caddick, the owner of Headingley, who has resisted all attempts to decamp to Durkar - frequently through his lawyers. Caddick gave enough details of the club's involvement in assess ing the viability of Headingley's redevelopment for it to be clear that he was telling

In fact, Sir Lawrence Byford, the Yorkshire president and chairman, and Chris Hassell, the chief executive, were acting properly enough in exploring the possibility of

staying put. The funding of the Wakefield project, which would cost in excess of £50 million, looks at best questionable, and one of the most potent reasons for leaving Headingley is that the dub lacks autonomy there. An accepted rider to redevelopment would be Yorkshire acquiring a greater degree of self-control - and with it much-needed revenue.

The club's seemingly clandestine behaviour and bungled denials will not have gone down well with the membership, however, something that Byford was quick to acknowledge. Over the weekend, he called a special general committee meeting to be held on Thursday, at which a statement could be drafted explaining his actions and those of other officers. However, the sense of panic

appears to have been such that a press conference was hastily convened yesterday and a detailed statement - of the sort that could have emerged on Thursday - re-leased. Its most persuasive point was that if redevelopment did not prove viable, Headingley's owners would release the club from its existing contract - with potentially massive savings.

The press conference came as a surprise to several members of the general committee, some of whom feel that Byford and Hassell had already overstepped their remit. Everyone, though seemed agreed with the statement's. final sentence. The events of the last week are regrettable and have done nothing to assist the resolution of the Headingley problem."



